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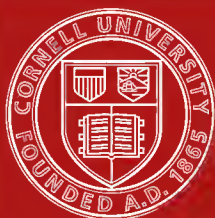
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PREFACE.

It has been a little over two years since the Manchester Historic Association published its first bound volume of Collections, which has been received with so much favor. This, the second volume, is believed to be as worthy of recognition as that which preceded it, and will, it is hoped, prove of even greater value to the future student of local history. The transcription of the Records of the grantees of Tyng Township proved an arduous undertaking, but it was carried through as rapidly and carefully as the circumstances would permit. While a few errors, unavoidable in a work of this kind, may have crept in, it is believed there are few, if any, of serious consideration. The proof of the Records of Tyng Township, which was essential that it should be correct in order to possess any value in a printed form, was read carefully by the original in the book, and the text strictly followed in the use of capitals and spelling, as well as in phraseology.

The thanks of the undersigned are due the Association for its hearty support in their work, and to the individuals who have so willingly assisted in an enterprise which could not have been accomplished without such friends.

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CHAPTER I.

THE DEBATABLE GROUND.

Six miles of river, "a hideous waterfall," long ribs of yellow sand thrown in disjointed array on the river's bank, a background of ancient pines and oaks, less than a score of primitive dwellings, with log walls and bark or thatched roofs, fifty or sixty men, women and children imbued with the stubborn spirit of the trying times, a solitary wigwam standing by the skirt of the forest, its dusty occupant droning in the doorway over the unhappy fate of his race, and with a bitterness creeping into his soul in spite of his professed Christianity; these comprised the warp and weft of the old township, which never found a place on the maps, but which still lives in tradition as Old Harry's Town. Throw over the landscape that dreary loneliness belonging to a primeval wilderness, over the minds and hearts of men the deep cloud of feelings arising from religious differences and hostile settlements, and you have completed the

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picture, mentally and physically, of the birthplace of the Manchester-on-the-Merrimack.

If the sand dunes heaped upon the river-banks like the waves of an ancient flood caught by some mysterious power and held forever in tension made a forbidding picture in their dark-green setting of everlasting pines, and gave small promise of a harvest to the husbandman, this particular region of the Merrimack was bountiful in its riches of another nature. For unnumbered centuries the surrounding wildwoods had been a veritable Happy Hunting-Ground for the dusky-hued race that held it under the natural law of primeval possession as their domain.

These wild warriors were beardless men of tall, straight figure, coal-black hair, copper-hued skin, prominent nose, high cheek bones, and small, dark, piercing eyes, which could look at the midday sun without flinching. They advanced through the dim aisles of the forest with a swift, silent step, one foot being placed directly in front of the other, and not as a white man walks with toes turned out. Their primitive costume consisted simply of deer-skin leggings, skin robes, or hunting shirts in winter, and moccasins made also of deer-skin; this simple garb being made more picturesque by fringes and ornaments painted in bright colors. Their principal weapon was a long stout bow of hornbeam or some equally strong wood, with flint-headed arrows, while they made out of a small, flat stone, with wooden handle attached by deer thongs, a sort of clumsy hatchet called the "tomahawk." These, with a bone or flint hunting knife, comprised their weapons of defense. Their sole implement of tilling the soil was a hoe made from a clam shell, or a moose's shoulder blade attached to a wooden handle by means of strips of deer skin. Their rude dwellings, called wigwams, were built by sticking small saplings or branches of trees into the ground in a circle, having their tops bent over and fastened together so as to form a cone. This rough framework was then covered with mats of skins or bark, except a

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small aperture at the crest for the smoke to escape, and an opening on opposite sides for places of entrance and exit, being thus arranged so that the one on the sunny or lee side could be always open, and the other closed.

This race of strange people, styled savages because they knew nothing of the higher aspirations of civilization, pagans because they worshipped with superstitious simplicity the god of nature, and Indians because the discoverer of America believed he had found a remote part of India and that they were the inhabitants, lived in the most primitive manner on the fish abounding in the ponds and streams and the creatures roaming the wilderness. The only approach to agriculture of these barbarians, who scorned work, was the tillage by their squaws, of maize or Indian corn, which tossed its gay tassels in the summer breeze on the sight of future cities long before the race which was to build them dreamed of the delicious sweetness of a johnny cake or corn pone. The squash, the bean and the pumpkin came in for a small share of attention. Having no mill with which to grind his grain the Indian was contented to crush it between two rocks, and boiling it soft, called the rare delicacy *Soukahtahhash*, a name shortened to succotash which we apply to our dish of similar nature.

So abundant was game in these regions it seemed a real "Happy Hunting-Ground" placed here for the mortal sons of the chase, and in as great pride and vain-glory as the mailed knight of old started on a crusade against an enemy in some far-distant land did the dusky hunter stalk the giant moose (*Alce Americanus*), that monarch of New England quadrupeds whose huge antlers, as it pursued some foe, crashed through the dense growth with resounding thwacks heard a mile away; or it might be he sought with keener sight and lighter step the more timid, nimble-footed deer (*Cariacus Americanus*), as it slaked its thirst in some limpid stream or leisurely browsed the tender birch or rank water grass. Right royal sport was that, not one whit lessened in real enjoyment by a hand-to-hand

struggle with the aggressive bear (*Ursus Americanus*), or a swift measure of agility and strength with the treacherous wild cat or catamount (*Felis lynx*). Did he care to seek smaller and less dangerous game there were the mischievous wolverine (*Guls luscus*), the cunning fox (*Vulpes fulvus*), the sly raccoon (*Procyon lotor*), the nimble squirrel (*Sciurus leucotis*), the skulking seecawk (skunk — *Mephitis Americanus*), the hiding woodchuck (*Arctomys monax*), with the ravenous wolf (*Canis occidentalis*) haunting him to give a spice of adventure to his sport. Did he wish different food, strutted across his pathway with a short-sightedness of danger surprising to him that American ostrich, the wild turkey (*Meleagris gallopavo*), or in the denser woods lurked that arch denizen the quail (*Coturnix vulgaris*), the restless ruffled grouse (*Bonasa umbellus*), while the frightened partridge (*Perdix cinerea*) skurried at frequent intervals across his course.

Did he seek for skins of fur to keep him warm during the long winters he ran down the short-legged otter (*Lutra Canadensis*), as it coasted an embankment, leaving a track in the the snow which looked like the passage of a log; or seeking the amphibious, fur-bearing animals he trapped with his carefully laid snares that most sagacious quadruped of forest or stream the home-building beaver (*Castor rodentia*), which delighted in the still, deep waters, or he caught the cautious mink, as it burrowed in the river's bank, or he might content himself by capturing a musquash or muskrat (*Ondatra zibethicus*), its oil sack affording a rare perfume for his dusky sweetheart, fully compensating for the poorer quality of its fur. There was still other game worthy of his arrows, and which he need not look for amid the shadows of the forest. These were the feathered denizens of the air, the wild birds on wing, foremost among which was the bald eagle (*Haliaetus leucocephalus*), soaring high overhead, as it swept grandly on toward its eyrie on some distant mountain, or the brown hawk (*Bccipter Cooperi*), swooping boldly down upon its unsuspecting prey, the busy

woodpecker (*Picus minor*), hammering at its chosen tree until the woods resounded with its steady blows, to say nothing of that night patrol, the white owl (*Strix pratinoola*), breaking the silence of the gloom with its deep, bass cries, or its half-brother, the great horned owl (*Bubo Virginiana*), barking like a dog, hallooing like a man, or mimicking with wonderful fidelity other cries and sounds of life. Of the aquatic tribe likely to tempt him was always first the magnificent snowy swan (*Cygnus Americanus*), the condor of New England, standing so high when on its feet as to reach its long bill seven feet into the air, presenting a grand sight when on wing. Next to this huge and beautiful bird was the wild or black goose (*Anser Canadensis*), a bird of passage, which led its feathered phalanx on its airy cruises in a huge, wedge-shaped body. Then there was the white goose (*Anser Gambelli*), more highly prized for being seldom seen, the black duck (*Anas marila*), possessing such marvelous wing powers, the noisy loon or diver (*Colymbus glacialis*), and many other birds and beasts of lesser size but scarcely less prominent.

If noted as the "Happy Hunting-Ground," the region of "Silver River"¹ was famed still wider for its wonderful fisheries. If the woods were overrun with game, the sparkling waters fairly swarmed at their seasons with schools of alewives (*Clupea serrata*), and shoals of eels (*Anguilla tenurostris*), shad (*Alosa præstabilis*), salmon (*Salmo salar*), with a generous sprinkling of sturgeons (*Acipenser oxyrhynchus*), all waiting a passage into the tributary streams or over the falls of the main river. Into this writhing mass the fisherman had only to urge his canoe and net or spear the fish as his fancy dictated, until he should tire of the wanton sport. Below the main fall Silver River is divided by rocky islands, the passages of water being easily rendered impassable for the fish by a weir that would not only hold those which might be caught at the time, but those which were driven back by an unsuccessful attempt to clear the steep cataract were carried into the toils, until they should

¹ Indian term for the Merrimack.

be dragged forth at the convenience of their captors. If this kind of capture became too tame for the wild fisherman he had only to station himself on one of the rocky points overhanging the channels and spear or net at will, never failing to secure a prize as long as he cared to keep up that sort of fishing.¹

Thus the very territory styled by the white man as Old Harry's town was an ideal resort to the red-browed brotherhood, many generations of whom hunted the four-footed denizens of the ancient woods, snared its wild birds, netted or speared the innumerable fish swimming in its pools and basins, planted in its clearings their patches of maize, or paddled with remarkable skill their frail barks along its foaming rapids. Where their pale-face successors were to build their homes, within sight and sound of Namaske,² stood the rude tepees of

¹ Something of the great numbers of these fish may be better understood by a statement of the fact that so numerous did they swarm into the smaller streams feeding the Merrimack that a man could walk over the water from bank to bank on their backs dry shod! — *Potter*.

² Derivation — Amoskeag is derived from Names-(fish) kee-(high) et-(place), i. e. "high fish place," abbreviated to Namasket which became in turn Namaske, corrupted by the English into Namaskeag, Amoskeag. Before the present order of spelling this word was fixed, it seems to have taxed to the utmost the ingenuity of the writer to give it the proper orthography, hence we find the name spelled over fifty ways, by as many writers, as follows :

Amasceeg,	Masonian Papers.	Amoskeag, Shipping list, Blodget canal.	
Amaskeag,	Old Records.	Amoskeeg,	Old Records.
Amasceeg,	" "	Amuskeag,	" "
Amasceeg falls,	" "	Amuskeeg,	Lovell's Journal,
Amaskege,	Charter, Dunbarton.	Amuskeig,	Old Records.
amaskege,	Old Records.	Amuskege,	" "
Am-aub-nour-skeag,	Prof. Th. R. Crosby, Dartmouth.	Amuskeg,	Morris' Map.
Amuskeeg,	Old Records.	Naamkeake,	Old Records.
Ameskeeg,	" "	Naimkeak,	" "
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Ameskeig,	" "	Naimkeek,	" "
Ameskeeg falls,	" "	Naimkeag,	N. T. True, M. D.
Amiciskeg,*	" "	Naimkeak,	Old Records.
Amma-skege,	" "	Namaschuck,	N. T. True, M. D.
Ammaus-skeeg,	Rev. Jos. Secombe.	Namaskeag,	Old Records.
Ammoskeeg,	Old Records.	Namaskeag,	" "
Ammoskeig,	" "	Nam-ske,	" "
ammasceeg falls,	" "	Namaski,	" "
Ammuskeag,	" "	Namuskeeg,	" "
Ammuskeeg,	" "	Namasket,	" "
Ammuskege,	" "	Namask-eeke,	N. T. True, M. D.
Ammuskege,	" "	Namaskiog,	Old Records.
Amuskeag,	" "	Naumaskkeag,	" "
Amos Cerg,	" "	Namoskeag,	" "
Amosceeg,	" "	Namoskeeg,	" "
Amosceig,	Mass. Hls. Collections.	Naimkeag,	" "
Amoscheeg,	Old Records.	Nambeck,	John Smith.
Amoskeag,	Now common.	Skeag,	Old Records.

* A "pointe" of land in Eliot, Maine, had that name.

these warriors, passing, it may be, the brightest days of their lives here. But what was so pleasant and desirable for them must in the course of events excite the envy and covetedness of rival tribes, and the Pennacooks were often called upon to defend at frightful sacrifice their homes and primitive rights. From the west came the fierce Mohawks, with generations of hatred concentrated to be exploded upon them; from the east came the terrible Tarratines, with revenge long nurtured in hearts that never forgot, each in turn waging their fearful battles of extermination.

The perils and privations the Massachusetts colonists were called upon to endure were so many and followed each other so closely that it was over a hundred years after the landing of the Pilgrims at Plymouth before the most adventurous of these pioneers had pushed their way north as far as the Paradise of the Red Men. They found the same evergreen monarchs of the forest, as had stood there for unknown ages, throwing their sombre shadows over the sunny waters; they found the same sand dunes, which had lain there since the days of the ancient floods, heaped upon the river's banks like the waves of the ocean; they found the stream, as of yore, abounding with fish and the woods with game; they listened with awe to the thunder of old Namaske, which had never been silent since the beginning; they found, flitting through the forest aisles like dusky spectres, or skimming in their phantom-like canoes the snowy cataracts of the river the few survivors of the doomed race, and again this valley was debatable ground. But the handful of Indians were poorly fitted to cope with their new enemies, and their resistance was not by open battle but through a predatory warfare lasting for years. It is ever so where barbarism and civilization meet.

It is not certain when the first settler located within the bounds of the debatable ground. The Scotch-Irish began their settlement in Nutfield in 1719. Having been refused a

grant by the Provinces of Massachusetts and New Hampshire, they accepted a deed from John Wheelwright, grandson of Rev. John Wheelwright, of an area of ten miles square known as Nutfield, and supposed to include the land to the east bank of the Merrimack from Cohas to Namaske. August 26, 1720, English colonists, who were opposed to them, obtained a grant from New Hampshire for almost the same territory, and with the same purpose of holding the fishing grounds of the Merrimack. This grant was called "Cheshire," but afterwards was named Chester. In June 1722, the colonists were successful in getting from Governor Shute of New Hampshire a grant of ten miles square and supposed by them to cover the coveted tract along the river.

In 1724 the first road was laid out with the Falls for the objective point, and "keeping near to the old path to Amosceeg Falls." This road was returned in 1729, but the date of building is unknown. It had probably become passable through use and was never built. There is a tradition that the surveyor in determining the most direct course to follow caused a huge bonfire to be built at Amoskeag Falls, and was thus enabled to get his bearings! Still it is not known any actual settler had fixed his abode in what has since become the territory of Manchester, though it is possible the cabin of some solitary fisherman stood under the gloaming of the primeval forest. This seems the more likely as the fishing at the Falls, which had drawn the Indian to its banks in the days gone by, was the natural magnet to entice the whites thither.

Tradition, which is ever ready to nurture history, says that Rev. James McGregor of the Londonderry settlers was the first to visit the Falls. No doubt he was one of a party to reach the place soon after their coming to New Hampshire. At any rate he became the recipient of the first fish caught at the opening of each season by the members of his parish. Still, though the Londonderry people intended to hold the territory about Namaske, they attempted no permanent settlement,

as far as is known, until 1729. The Massachusetts people beginning to gather about the place, created an uneasiness among them, and April 22, 1731, it was voted to begin actual settlement there as soon as possible. Two years later, at the request of the town, John Mc Niel made the first permanent settlement, as far as can be ascertained, on the strip of territory called Harrytown and within what is now the business portion of Manchester. His house stood near Mc Niel street between Elm and Canal streets. About that time, says Potter, William Gamble built a log house on the east side of the brook which passed through the farm of his great grandson, Samuel Gamble. The path from Londonderry passed near his house and crossed the Cohas below the Haseltine mills.

While the Scotch-Irish dallied in carrying out their intentions, a more potent factor was at work to circumvent them than they dreamed. The grants that had been made so far were what might be considered civil grants, with the intention of getting those who came with the purpose of actually settling and improving the country; but Massachusetts, anxious to hold to the territory she claimed in the Merrimack valley, inaugurated quite a different system, which was to grant townships in New Hampshire to certain individuals for what was thought proper to be denoted as meritorious service in fighting the Indians.

The attacks of the Indians on the settlers was generally followed by an expedition of the whites against them. Sometimes these retaliatory movements were made to rescue captives who had been carried off; sometimes they were undertaken out of a spirit of revenge for the injuries done them; or they were done with the hope and intention of driving the enemy farther back toward Canada, or New France as it was then called, the French being on friendly terms with them.

During the long and trying period of warfare over twenty of these expeditions were made into the territory of what now comprises the state of New Hampshire, always with the sanction and encouragement of the Massachusetts province. Among

others was the memorable expedition of Captain William Tyng, which he led in the midst of the winter of 1703-4 up the valley of the Merrimaek, past the Falls of Amoskag to the rendezvous of the Indians at Pequawkett, a party of thirty-six men on snow-shoes, surprised the enemy and bore back five¹ bloody trophies as the prize, receiving a bounty of forty pounds² for each scalp. This expedition went into history as the "snow-shoe expedition," and was not only most successfully performed, but proved an example for others to imitate in the method adopted for travel.³

Nearly twenty-five years after, seeing the grants being made to others no more deserving, the survivors of Capt. Tyng's expedition petitioned to the General Assembly for their reward, and were favored by the grant of that tract of country on the Merrimack below Namaske, which had gained the disreputable name of Old Harry's Town, but which they changed to Tyng Township in honor of their leader, then dead. But claiming the territory by their grant from New Hampshire, the Scotch-Irish, several families of whom had now founded homes in the district, stoutly maintained their claims, so an intense rivalry sprang up between the two factions.

The first of these were austere Orthodoxs in religious belief, made more inflexible in purpose by generations of opposition and oppression, while the latter were as rigid Presbyterians, also made intense in their convictions by long and bitter persecution. With these adverse ideas on that subject which was nearest their hearts, with mutual premonitions that each was seeking the other's ill fare, these two branches of the human family at a time and under conditions which should have made

1 Some say six.

2 It must be borne in mind that colonial money had depreciated about one-third.

3 This statement is open to debate. As the winter approached (1703) the frontier towns were ordered to provide a large number of snow-shoes for the purpose of marching against the Indians. Major Winthrop Hilton, Capt. John Gilman of Exeter, Capt. Chesley and Capt. Davis of Oyster River, marched with their companies on snow-shoes into the woods; but returned without success. (Belknap's History of New Hampshire, Vol. I, p. 332.)

them faithful friends, became vindictive enemies. One faction looked upon the other as "intruders," and the second upon the first as "foreigners," forgetting in turn that they might come under the same denomination. No social or business intercourse was countenanced, while inter-marriage was looked upon as a curse. While no blood was shed at this time, a long and sanguinary struggle with all the stubborn opposition a border hatred could arouse was begun on the banks of Silver River, and for the third time Namaske was Debatable Ground.

In one respect the grantees of Tyng Township and their rivals were fortunate. They came during one of those transitory intervals of comparative peace, which came and went during the hundred years' war existing between the races like flashes of sunlight in a stormy season. In 1725 occurred the memorable Lovewell's fight, and a little ~~later~~ the overthrow of the French at Norridgewock, the evil genius of the red men, when the chief of the Abnaki Indians, then the most powerful tribe in Northern New England, signed a treaty of peace at Boston. This covenant of peace was not broken until 1744, and the whole history of Tyng Township is included within these dates.

CHAPTER II.

ACTS AND GRANTS OF TYNG TOWNSHIP.

In 1727, when Massachusetts began to grant unappropriated lands in New Hampshire, Major Ephraim Hildreth, Captain John Shepley and others who had been soldiers under Captain Tyng in his snow-shoe expedition petitioned to the General Assembly for a grant of land as compensation for their services, but receiving no response the matter was dropped until the meeting of the legislative bodies in the winter of 1733, when a second request was made and the following action was taken :

A Petition of *Ephraim Hildreth* and *John Shipley*, for themselves and other Voluntiers under the Command of Capt, *William Tyng* deceased, in his march to *Winnipisiocke* Anno 1704, setting forth many difficulties and hardships they underwent in said March when they killed five Indians ; that the government hath seen cause in their Wisdom to make a Grant to the heirs of the said Captain, praying that they may obtain a Grant of of Lands for a Township on the West of *Dunstable* and North of *Townshend* or elsewhere of the unappropriated Lands, under such conditions and restrictions as shall be thought meet. Read and Ordered, That the prayer of the Petition be granted, and Mr. *Welles*, Major *Brattle*, Mr. *Choate*, Mr. *Shove*, and Mr. *Hobson* was desired to prepare a Vote for the Grant of Six Miles square of the unappropriated Lands of the Province, in some convenient place for a Townships to be made the Petitioners under proper conditions and regulations for settling a Town, and that they report thereon as soon as may be.

— *Mass. House Journal*, Feb. 6, 1733-4.

COMMITTEE'S REPORT.

Mr. *Welles* from the Committee appointed the 6th, currant

to consider the Petition of *Ephraim Hildreth, John Shipley*, and others under the command of Captain *William Tyng* deceased, made report which was read and accepted, and Voted, That a tract of Land of the contents of six Miles square, West of *Dunstable*, and North of *Townshend*¹ be granted the Petitioners; and for as much as there were but forty-six² of these Voluntiers, it is hereby Ordered, That six more be admitted with them who were in the Country's Service under Captain Lovewell and omitted in the Grants; made to him and Company, and are wanting to the number of sixty to be made up of those that were at the *Fort Fight* or *Long March* in the *Narragansett War* or others admitted into this Grant by this Court these Grantees actually to settle the abovesaid tract with sixty Families within four years from the Survey of this Land and acceptance thereof by this Court, each Family to have an House eighteen feet square and seven feet stud at the least and four acres brought to and plowed or stocked with english Grass and fitted for mowing; the said Grantees also to lay out the three Lots to draw future divisions with other Lots, one for the first Minister, one for the Ministry, and one for the School, and within said term of four years to settle a learned orthodox Minister and build a convenient House for the public Worship of God; the above said tract of Land to be laid out under the direction of a Committee of the Court by a Surveyor and Chain-men on Oath, at the Charge of the Petitioners. And whereas divers of the persons for whose merits this Grant is made are deceased; it is therefore further *Ordered*, That in such case, the Grant shall be and belong to some one of his male descendants, wherein preference shall be given to the eldest; and it is further *Ordered*, That those persons shares in this Grant shall revert to the Province who shall not perform the Conditions of the Grant as above.

Sent up for Concurrence.

Mass. House Journal, Feb. 15, 1733-4.

THE GRANT.

A Petition of *Ephraim Hildreth & John Shipleigh* for themselves and others Soldiers under the command of Cap^t Will^m Tyng dec'd Shewing that they Served the Province as Volun-

1 Fox's History of Dunstable.

2 Lovewell's town now Pembroke, N. H.

tiers in the Indian War & in the Year 1703 performed a hard & difficult March in the winter season with Snow Shoes as far as Winnepesocket Lake & and Killed six of the Enemy that the said Company were the first that attempted to March against the Enemy with Snow Shoes Since which the same Method has been followed with Great Success Against the Indians And therefore praying for a Grant of Land Six Miles Square for a Township for the Officers and Soldiers of said Company now living & the Represent of those that are Deceased.

In the House of Represent^a Read & *Ordered* That the peti^{rs} have leave by a Surveyor and Chainmen on Oath to Survey & lay out between the Townships of Litchfield and Suncook or Lovels Town on the East Side of the Merrimack River the Quantity of Six Miles Square of Land Exclusive of Robert Rand's Grant and the three Farms pitched upon by the Hon^{ble} Samuel Thaxter,* John Turner and William Dudley Esq^r to satisfy their Grants and also Exclusive of Two Hundred Acres of Land at the Most Convenient place of Amoskeeg Falls; which is hereby reserved for the publick use and benefit of the Inhabitants of this Province for the taking and Curing of Fish there. And that they Return a Plat thereof to this Court within Twelve Months for Confirmation to their Pet^{rs} & their associates their heirs and assigns Respectively Provided the Grantees do settle the abovesaid Tract with Sixty families within four years from the Confirmation of the Plat each family to have an house of Eighteen feet square and Seven feet Stud at least and four acres brought too and Plowed or Stocked with English Grass and fitted for Mowing and also lay out three lots with the others one for the first Minister one for the Ministry and one for the School and within the said Term Settle a learned Orthodox Minister and Build a Convenient House for the Publick Worship of God And whereas Divers persons for whose merit this Grant is made as deceased It is further ordered That the Grants shall be and belong to some one of his male Descendants wherein the preference shall be Given to the Eldest son And further it is ordered that these persons Shares in this Grant shall Revert to the Province who shall not perform the conditions above.

In Council Read & Non'curr'd.

Mass. Court Records, Dec. 14, 1734.

* Who sold in 1736 to Archibald Stark, — *Potter*.

THE GRANT AMENDED.

John Jeffries, Esq; brought down the Petition of Ephraim Hildreth and John Shipley, and others, Soldiers under the late Capt. William Tyng, Anno 1703, praying for a Grant of Land for their publick Services, being on the first of March that was performed on Snow Shoes, with the Vote of the House of the 13th of Decemb. last thereon, Pass'd in Council, viz. In Council. December 14th, 1734. Read noncur'd. In April 17, 1735. Read and re-considered, and concur'd with the Amendments, viz. after the words — Merrimack River — add — to extend three miles Eastward from the said River conformable to the settlement of the divisional Line betwixt this Province and the Province of New Hampshire, made by order of King Charles the Second in Council in the twenty ninth Year of His Reign, Anno Domini 1677 — after the words — eldest son — add — to be admitted by a Committee of this Court, who shall take care that bonds be given for their respective performance of the Conditions of this Grant to the Treasurer of this Province to the value of Twenty Pounds at least by each Grantee, as well as by such as personally appear as by those who are the Descendants as above said, who may appear by their Guardian or next Friend. Ordered, That William Dudley, Esq; with such as shall be joined by the honourable House of Representatives be a Committee for the purposes within mentioned.

Sent down for Concurrence. Read and concur'd, and Col. Prescott and Captain Thompson are joined in the affair.

Mass. House Journal, April 17, 1735.

On the petition of Ephraim Hildreth and John Shipley and the order of the House thereon (which it was Nonconcurr'd by this Board) as Entered the 14th of Decem^r 1734.

In Council Read & Reconsidered and Concurr'd with the Amendments viz^t That the Tract of Land therein Granted Extend three miles Eastward from the River Merrimack conformable to the Settlement of the Divisional line betwixt this province and the province of New Hampshire Made by order of King Charles the Second in Council in the twenty-Ninth Year of his Reign Anno Dom 1777, that the Grantees be Admitted by a Committee of this Court who shall take Care that Bonds be given for their respective performance of the Conditions of

this Grant to the Treasurer of the Province for the time being to the value of Twenty pounds for each Grantee, as well as by such as personally Appear as by those who are Descendants as abovesaid who may Appear by their Guardian or next Friend. And that William Dudley Esq^r with such as shall be Joined by the Hon^{ble} House of Representative be a Committee for the purpose above mentioned.

In the House of Represent Read & Concurr'd and Col^o Prescott & Cap^t Tomson are Joined in the Affair.

Consented to

J. Belcher.

Mass. Court Records, April 17, 1735.

THE SURVEY.

SURVEYOR'S REPORT.

Groton, May 8 / 9, 1735.

Midd^x Ss.

'Tis hereby certified that Mess^{rs} William Lawrence & Benjamin Parker appearing were Sworn Justly & faithfully to performe the busieness & Dnty of Chainmen in y^e Survey and Measuring of a Tract of Land on the East Side of Merrimack River Lately Granted to the Soldiers under the Late Cap William Tyng Deceas^d for a Township, &c.

Before me Benj^a Prescott,
Just^t of Peace.

This Plat of Land on the East side of the Merrimack river contains Twenty four thousand nine hundred and Sixty Acres, which is one thousand and nine hundred and twenty Acres more than the Contents of Six miles Square granted to the late Cap^t Will^m Tyng and Company that were in the first Expedition against the Indians on Snowshoes, the last April Sessions of this Hon^{ble} Court there being comprehended within the Plat two thousand One hundred and Fifty Acres granted to Several persons and Reserved for taking Fish &c and Upwards of One thousand Acres of ponds so that there is a sufficiency to make up the contents of Six miles square by 1630 Acres at the least and the Said grant is bounded Northerly on Suncook township west on Merrimack River South on Litchfield & East on a line

parrallell to the River & and three miles distant therefrom — being on this Side marked trees many and other Monuments, And is Laid Down by a Scale of 150 perch to an inch.

March y^e 25th 1736

P^r me Joseph Blanchard Surveyor

Suffolk ss :

personally appearing before mee the Subscriber one of his majesty's Justice of the peace for the sd County Capt Joseph Blanchard and made Solemn Oath that in the survey of the township granted to the Late Capt Tyng & Company he acted truly & faithfully according to the best of his skill and understanding.

W^m Dudley

In the House of Representatives March 26 1736, Read and Ordered that the plat be Accepted and the Lands therein delineated & described be and hereby are confirmed to the Grantees mentioned in the petition of Hildreth and Shipley in behalf of the officers and soldiers in the company under the Command of the late William Tyng dec^d their heirs and assigns respectively forever, exclusive of the former Grants within mentioned, & the reserved Land for the Common benefit of taking fish at Amaskeeg ffalls, and provided it does not exceed the quantity of twenty two thousand three hundred & sixty acres of Land besides, and interferes with no other Grant and the Grantees are allowed to make a new pitch of Sixteen hundred and Eighty Acres in the Province Lands else & return a plat thereof to satisfie the remainder of the Graut.

Sent up for Concurrence

J. Quincy Spk^r

In Council; Mar. 27, 1736

Read and Concur'd

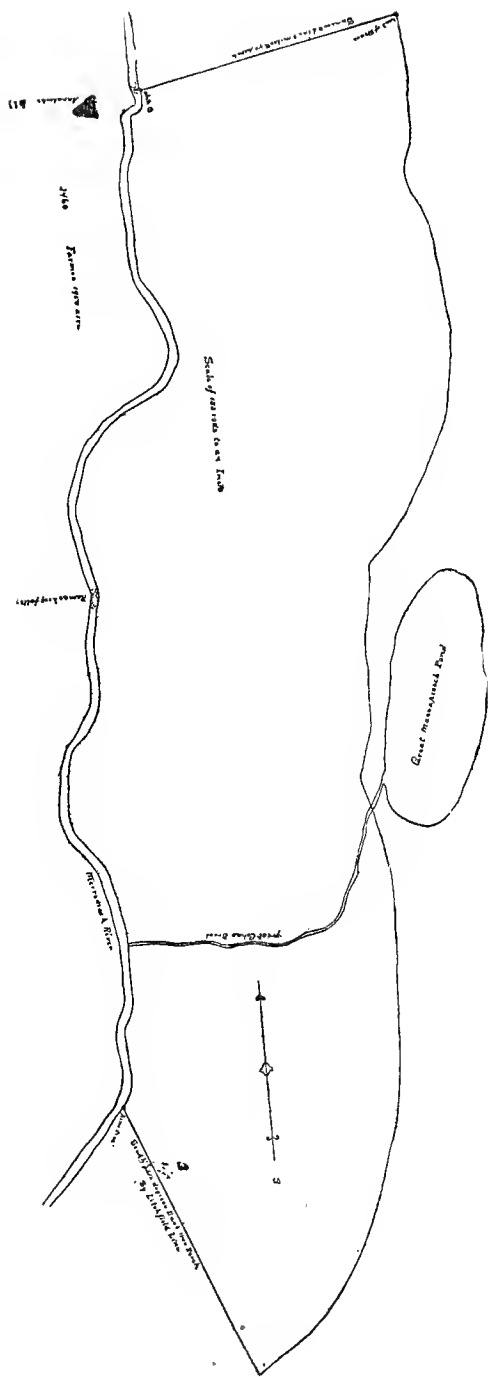
J Willard Sec'y

Consented to

J. Belcher

CONFIRMATION TO THE GRANTEES.

A Plat containing twenty four thousand nine hundred and sixty acres of Land laid out by Capt *Joseph Blanchard* Survey or, and two Chainmen on Oath, to satisfy a Grant of this Court passed in April last to Capt. William Tyng and Company, the first Snow Shoe Men, against the Indian Enemy, there being



PLAN OF TYNG TOWNSHIP. (*Mass Maps and Plans*, Vol. X, pp. 22.

two thousand one hundred and fifty acres in the Plat formerly granted and reserved for taking Fish, and one thousand acres of Ponds, so that there wants one thousand six hundred and eighty acres to make up the contents of six square miles, lying on the East side Merrimack River Northly on Suncook, West on Merrimack, South on Litchfield, and East on a parallel Line with the River three miles distant thereform, was presented for allowance. Read and Ordered, That the Plat be accepted, and the Lands therein delineated and described, be and hereby are confirmed to the Grantees mentioned in the Petition of Hildreth and Shipley in behalf of the Officers and Soldiers in the Company under the Command of Capt William Tyng, deceas'd, their heirs and assigns respectively for ever, and provided it does not exceed the quantity of twenty two thousand three hundred and sixty acres of Land besides and interferes with no other Grant; and the Grantees are allowed to make a new pitch of sixteen hundred and eighty acres in the Province Lands elsewhere, and return a Plat thereof to satisfy the remaiuder of the Grant.

Sent up for Concurrence.

Mass. House Journal, March 26, 1736.

A SHORTAGE OF LAND.

A Plat of a township Six Miles Square, Granted to the Company formerly under the Command of Cap^t William Tyng deced, laid out by Joseph Blanchard Survey^r and Chainmen on Oath; lying on the East side of Merrimack River Bounded northly on Suncook Township, West on Merrimack River, South on Litchfield & East on a line parrallel to the said River, and three miles distaut from it, and by Reason of the Land Reserved by the Province within said Grant the Land is 1680 Acres Short of Six Miles Square.

Mass. Court Records, March 27, 1736.

TYNG TOWNSHIP BELONGED TO MIDDLESEX COUNTY.

In the House of Represent^a *Ordered* that the New Township lately Granted to the officers and Soldiers in the Company under the Command of Major William Tyng dec'd, lying on

the East side of the Merrimack River commonly called Old Harry Town, be and hereby is declared & Determined to belong to and hence forward to be Accounted A part of the County of Middlesex.

In Council Read and Concurred

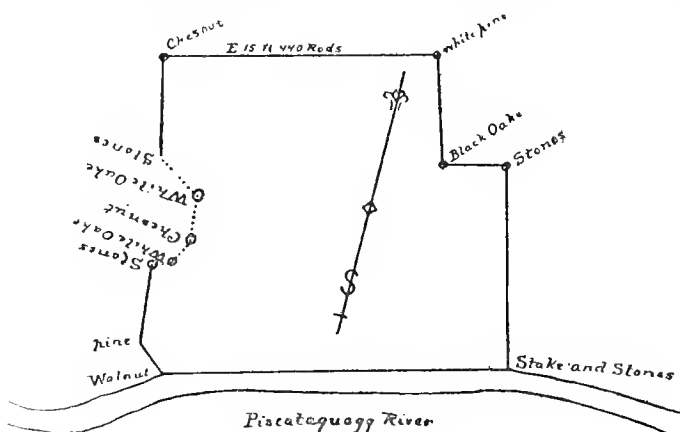
Consented to

J. Belcher.

Mass. Court Records and House Journal, June 18, 1736.

THE PISCATAQUOG GRANT.

I The Subscriber Together with John Coleburn & Benjamin Parker as Chainmen have Lay'd out to the prop^{rs} of Tyngs



PLAN OF ADDITION TO TYNG GRANT.

Township, so Called, or y^e grantees of a Tract of Land Between Litchfield and Suncook on y^e Easterly Side Merrimack River, A Tract of Land Adjoining Piscataquog River Containing One Thousand One Hundred and Sixty Eight Acres Butted and Bounded as by the figure herewith w^{ch} is plan'd by a Scale of one hundred And Sixty perch to an inch, with a Small Island Containing Twelve Acres Lying in Merrimack River Between Crosby's Brook and Short falls so Called w^{ch} is in Pursuance of a grant of one thousand Six hundred and Eighty Acres made to the S^d Prop^{rs}

October 10th 1736

Sam Cumings Surv

Middlesex ss Dunstable December 3th 1736.

Personally appearing before me the Subscriber Sam^l Cummings Surveying and measuring sixteen hundred and Eighty acres of Lands Granted by the Generall Court to be new pitched for And Lay'd out by the Prop^{rs} of Tyngs Township so Called on merrimack River they Acted faithfully

Jurat Me

Eleazar Tyng jus P

In the House of Representatives January 14th 1736 Read and Ordered That the plat be Accepted, and the Lands therein delineated and described be and hereby are confirmed to the Grantees or proprietors of the township Commonly Called Tyng's township, and their heirs & Assigns for Ever, provided the plat with the Island contain no more than One thousand six hundred and Eighty Acres in the whole, and does not interfere with any former Grant

Sent up for Concurrence

J. Quincy, Tp

In Council Feb. 3, 1736.

Read & Concur'd

J. Willard Sec'y

Consented to

J Belcher

Mass. Archives, Vol. 114, p. 152.

A Plat containing one thousand six hundred and sixty eight Acres of Land laid out by John Colburne Surveyor, and two Chainmen on Oath, to the Proprietors of Tyng's Township, so called, adjoining to Piscataquoag River, together with a small Island, containing twelve Acres, lying in Merrimack River, lying between Crosby's Brook and Short Falls, so called, to satisfy a Grant of this Court to the Proprietors of the said Township, and the Lands therein delineated and described, together with the Island within mentioned, be and hereby are confirmed to the Grantees or Proprietors of the said Township commonly called Tyng's Township, and their assigns respectively forever, provided the Plat with the Island contain no more than one thousand six hundred and sixty eighty Acres in the whole, and does not interfere with any other Grant.

Sent up for Concurrence.

Mass. House Journal, Jan. 14, 1736-7.

A plat of One Thousand Six hundred and Eighty Acres of Land laid out on Piscataquoag River by Sannel Cummins Surveyer and Chainmen on Oath to fulfill a Grant made to the

Grantees of the Township commonly called Tyngs Township

In the House of Represent^a Read and *ordered* that the plat be Accepted and the Lands therein Delineated and described be and hereby are Confirmed to the Grantees or Proprietors of the Township commonly called Tyngs Township and their heirs and Assigns forever provided the plat with the Island Contain no more than One Thousand Six hundred and Eighty Acres in the whole and does not Interfere with any former Grant.

In Council Read and Concurr'd

J. Belcher.

Consented to

Mass. Court Records, Feb. 3, 1736-7.

GRANTS AND SETTLEMENTS OF EARLY MANCHESTER.

The following is a chronological list of the grants of the territory up to this time :

1719, October 20th, the Scotch-Irish, having been refused a grant by the Massachusetts and New Hampshire governments, received a deed from John Wheelwright, grandson of the Rev. John Wheelwright, of an area ten miles square known as *Nutfield*. — *Rockingham County Records*.

1720, August 23d, settlers in the "chestnut country," who were opposed to the Scotch-Irish, claimed a grant from New Hampshire for a territory ten miles square named "Cheshire," afterwards changed to *Chester*, a tract supposed to cover the area sought by their rivals.

1722, in June, the *Nutfield* colony was successful in obtaining a grant from Gov. Shute of New Hampshire, for a tract ten miles square in the name of *Londonderry*, and was supposed to hold the fishing grounds of Amoskeag, but did not.

1729, settlers from Massachusetts began to gather about Amoskeag Falls to the uneasiness of the *Nutfield* colony.¹

¹ According to Potter the earliest settlement on the Merrimack in what is now New Hampshire territory was made near the mouth of Salmon Brook in that part of Old Dunstable now Nashua. *Farmers' Monthly Visitor*, Vol. XII, p. 274.

The grant for this settlement must have been that made to John Whiting about 1680. Capt. Thomas Wheeler and his son Lieut. Joseph Wheeler, with others, owned farms here soon after. John Blanchard, an ancestor of Col. Joseph Blanchard, Proprietors' Clerk of Tyng Township, settled a little below this place about that time. See Mass. Records, and Fox's History of Dunstable.

1733, John McNiell made the first permanent settlement near the Amoskeag Falls, and the name of Harrytown soon after appeared.

1734, April 17th, the Massachusetts legislature granted the seven townships known as the Narragansett Grants, No. IV, constituting the Goffstown grant and including Amoskeag, and No. V that of Bedford including Piscataquog. — *Massachusetts Colonial Journals*.

1735, April 18th, the Massachusetts legislature granted to Major Ephraim Hildreth and others the territory known as *Tyng Township*, comprising "Harrytown" and enough joining land to make a "respectable town."

In 1662 Passaconaway petitioned to the General Court of Massachusetts for a grant of land along the Merrimack for himself and people, the following being a copy of the document that is still sacredly preserved in the archives of that state:

To the honrd Endicott John Esq^r Gov: together with the rest of the honrd Generall court now assembled in Boston. the petition of Papisseconnewa in the behalfe of him selfe, as also of many other indians who were for a longe time themselves and their progenitors seated upon a tract of land named Noticot,¹ and is now in possession of Mr. William Brenton of Rode Island marchante; and is now confirmed to the said Mr. Brenton to him his heirs & assigns according to the lawes of this Jurisdiction, by reason of which tract of land being taken as aforesaide, & throwing your poor petitioner with many others in an unsettled condition, & must be forced in a short time to remove to some other place. the humble request of y^r poor petitioner is that this honrd Court would please to grant unto us a parcel of land for our comfortable situation, to be stated for our enjoyment, as also for the comfort of those after us: as also that this honrd court would please to take into your serious and pious consideration the condition and also the request of your poor suppliantes, & to appoint two or three persons as a committee to assist the same sum one or two indians to view &

1 The intervale portions of Litchfield (Indian Naticook — first grant, 1656, Brenton's Farm.) Merrimack, Hudson, Nashua were inhabited and cultivated by a branch or family of the Penacooks called sometimes Naticooks. (Fox's History of Dunstable, p. 220.

determine on some place and to lay out y^e same. Not further to trouble this honrd assembly, humbly craving an expected answer this present session, I shall still remain y^e Humble Servant whom y^e shall commande.

Papisseconewa.

Boston: 9 3 mo. 1662.

In ans^r to this petition the magistrates' judge meete to Graunt unto Papisseconneway and his men or Associates about Naticott above Mr. Brentons land where it is free a mile & a halfe on either side in length provided he nor they doe not alienate any part of this Graunt without leave and license from this court first obtained if their brethren the deputys consent thereto.

9 may, 1662.

Edward Rawson.

consented to by the deputyes.

William Torrey, clerck.

According to the order of the Honrd Generall Court, ther is laid-out unto the indians, papisseconeway & his Associates, the inhabitants of Naticott, three miles square, or so much (rather) as contains it in the figure of a romboide upon merrimack riv^r beginning at the head of Mr. Brintons land at Naticott, on the east side of the riv^r, & then it joyneth to his line, which lines runnes half against North-ward of the East, it lyeth one mile & a halfe wide on each side of y^e Riv^r and some what better, and runnes three miles up the Riv^r; the Northern line on the east side of the Riv^r is bounded by a brook (called by y^e indians) Suskayquetuck, right against the falls in the riv^r Pokehuons. the end lines on both side of the riv^r are paralelle; the side line on the east side of the riv^r runnes halfe a pointe eastward of the No: No: east and the side line on the west side of the riv^r runnes Northeast and by North, all of which is sufficiently bounded and marked with. also ther is two smale islands in the Riv^r part of which, the lower end line cuts crosse, one of which Papisseconeway have lived upon & planted a long time & a smale patch of intervaile land, on the west side of the Riv^r anent and a little below y^e Islands, by estimation about forty acres, which joyneth to their land and to Sauhegon Riv^r which the indians have planted (much of it) a long time, & considering there is very little good land in that which is Now laid out

unto them, the indians do earnestly request this Honrd Court to grant these two smale islands & y^e patch of intervaile, as it is bounded by y^e Hills. This land was laid out 27. 3 mo. 1663. By John Parks & Jonathan Danforth Surveyors.

This was done by us and at our ch^{rg}e wholly, at the request of the indians. It was important, and as we are informed by the order of this Honrd Generall court (if our services be acceptable) that that they should take order we made be compensated for the same. So shall we remain your humble servants as Before.

The bill for the expenses of surveying amounted to almost eleven pounds, which was allowed. That closed the record of the first grant of land made in what now constitutes the territory of Manchester, and it was made to one whose people had possessed it as their fishing, hunting and planting grounds for unnumbered years. Naticott was one of the forms of the Indian name of the land now embraced in Litchfield, the southern boundary of this grant being near the northern line of that town even to the present day, and extended three miles up the river. There are no records to show that this grant was of any benefit to Papisseconeway and his associates.

CHAPTER III.

PROPRIETORS' RECORDS OF TYNG TOWNSHIP.

WARNING FOR THE FIRST MEETING.¹

Notification is hereby given to the grantees of the tract of Land between Suucook township & Litchfield on the east side of the merrimack river that they Assemble at the house of Coll^o Jonas Clark of Chelmsford on the 20th of may Next by Ten o'clock forenoon In Order that they make out their title thereto & that thay were in the march under Capt. Tyng and Come prepared to Enter into Bonds to fullfill the terms of the Grant accordingly.

W^m Dudley by Order of y^e Com^{tes}

Fourteen days before the day of the meeting above mentioned hereof fail not and have you this Warrant with y^e doing herein. At the meeting aboved Given under my hand & Seal in S^d County the Twenty fifth day of April in the eighth year of his Majesties Reign Anno Dom 1735

Benj^a Prescott Justice of peace

Mid^l Ss May the 20th 1735.

Pursuant to the within written Warrant I the Subscribers have notified and warned the grantees and Proprs within mentioned to meet at the time and place As was herein Directed.

Atts John Shepley

FIRST MEETING OF THE GRANTEES.

At a meeting of the Grantees and propr^s of a tract of land Granted for a township to the soldiers under the command of the late Capt W^m Tyng Dec'd Joyning to the easterly side of merrimack River Between Litchfield and Suncook or Love-

¹ The subject titles, given here for the convenience of the reader, are not found in the original book of records.

well's town (so called) at the house of Coll^o Jonas Clark in Chelmsford on the 2d of may 1735

The Hon^{ble} William Dudley Esq^r was unanimously chosen moderator.

Then Voted and Chose Joseph Blanchard Prop^{rs} Clerk.

Then the following List was delivd to the Clerk by the Gen^{ll} Courts Com^{tee} viz. The Hon^{ble} W^m Dudley Benj^a Prescott, Esq^r and Captain Benj^a Thompson which is a Followeth

CAPTAIN WILLIAM TYNG'S SNOW SHOE MEN.

A List of the Souldiers that went out under the Com[']and of Captain W^m Tyng to Winepiscocheag the year 1703

Admitted

John Shepley	Joseph Parker	Richard Warner
Nathaniel Woods	Joseph Blanchard	John Cumings
Thomas Lund	William Whitney	John Longley
Joseph Perham	Joseph Butterfield	John Spalding
John Spalding Jun (by)	Sam ^l Spalding	Henry Spalding
William Longley	Eben ^r Spalding	Sam ^l Davis
Josepb Lakin	Nath ^{ll} Blood	John Holdin
Jonathan Page	Nathaniel Butterfield	Jonathan Butterfield
John Hunt	Jona th Hill	Jonathan Parker :
Peter Talbird (by)	G. Talbird	Thomas ^l
Benony Perham :	Sam ^l Eleazer Parker	Stephen Keyes
Josiah Richardson	Tho ^s Tarble	Thomas Cumings
James Blanchard	Henry Farwell	Jonathan Richardson
John Richardson	Sam ^l Woods	Joseph Guilson
Sam ^l Chamberlain	Stephen Peirce	Ephraim Hildreth
Paul Fletcher		Timothy Spalding.

The Above Named persons were all Admitted And gave Bond (Except W^m Whitney) into the grant made to the Company under Cap^t William Tyng the 20th & 21st of May 1735

¹ Preceding name signed by this person, whose surname was the same as the other-

To the Quality of each Prespective Lott That such persons having equal Right may have Lands equal in value in the Judgment of the Com^{tee}

Also Voted and agreed that when the Lotts are so coupled that Lotts be made and drawn according to such Coupling wth one Lott to each share or Right after the the three publick lotts is first Sett of if they shall at Such Drawing Think convenient to Sett off y^e s^d publick lots.

Also Voted and agreed that the Committee for Laying out the s^d Lands shall also lay out in the most Sutable place a meeting house place Buring place and training field of Such Quantity such as they shall judge convenient.

Also Voted and agreed that the s^d Com^{tee} be Desired and directed to Lay out a Convenient Road by hyway from Litchfield to Suncook or Lovel's Town (so called) As also to leave so much Lands as they may think necessary to make good the Damages persons shall sustain by haveing publick Roads hereafter Lay^d out thro their Lotts.

Also Voted and agreed that the s^d Com^{tee} Preserve a Sutable place for mills and so much Lauds as may by them be Judged necessary for encouragement to build the same or more if they think it necessary for the Prop^{rs} for Timber &c or any other Public use.

Also Voted and agreed that whereas Joseph Blanchard Major Eph^m Hildreth Cap^t John Shepley Cap^t -Saml Chamberlain & Cap^t Josiah Richardson were chosen and appointed a Com^{tee} for the laying out eighty acres of Land to each prop^r or grantee in the afores^d Township. That they be and hereby are fully Impowered and Directed to Divide Lay out and Couple the Lotts Lay out hyways, meeting house place Burying place Training field and Mill place Agreeable to the aforewritten votes ordered and directed to be done by the Com^{tee}

Then it was proposed to know the minds of y^e Prop^{rs} whether they would make any addition to the s^d Com^{tee}, it passed in the Negative; and thereupon Voted and Ordered that the Com^{tee} afores^d Employ & Improve Such Surveyor or Surveyors and Chainmen as they shall think convenient for the do

ing and Effecting the S^d work at the Cost and Charge of ye Prop^{rs} and that the work be done with all convenient Speed Also Voted that Mess John Cumings John Richardson Tho^s Tarble Josiah Richardson and William Stickney be Desired to Enquire into the Accts of Major Hildreth and Captain Shepley their expense of obtajning y^e Grant &c.

Pursuant to the request of five of the prop^s of the township granted to the Late W^m Tyng and their Associates on y^e east side of merrimack River made to me the Subscriber for the calling of a meeting of the Prop^{rs} of said township at the house of Capt Tho^s Read at Westford Innholder on thursday the twentieth day of June next at nine of the Clock forenoon.

THE WARRANT.

THESE ARE THEREFORE to give notice to the prop^{rs} of Said township that they convey and meet at the time and place afore^sd

1st To here the Report of the Committea appointed to Devide and Lott out the township &c And accept thereof

2^{dly} To hear Consider and allow the Accompts of any Persons to whome the prop^{rs} are justly Indebted & Order payment thereof

3^{dly} To Receive a Sutable Sum of money for that purpose or any other publick use that may be tho't convenient

4^{thly} To give Liberty for Jon^a Perham to take his Right or Share of S^d township in Those Lands he has boxed the pine trees on; or to Consider and Abate off of y^e money He's oblidge to pay to the Com^{tee} Appointed by the prop^{rs} to take Care of the Same

5^{thly} To Agree upon some proper method for Drawing of the Lotts in said Township and report y^e Same and Order that proper record be made thereof

6^{thly} To take Some proper measures for Returning a plan

of the Sixteen Hundsed acres of Land Last granted to the S^d Prop^{rs}

7^{thly} To Agree where meetings shall be held for the future

8^{thly} To Agree upon and Order that of y^e Original Proprd or grantees be Equal in time and money Expended in Obtain- ing the Grant of y^e T. Township

9^{thly} To Agree upon Some proper Rules and Orders for Laying out the town Roads or highways in the said township And do any Thing else necessary for bringing forward the Set- tlement of the S^d Town

Dunstable may the 18th 1736

Joseph Blanchard
prop^{rs} Cler.

The aforewritten Notification was posted in the Several Towns agreeable to the vote for calling a meeting.

J. Blanchard Prop^{rs} Cler

A true Copy Exam^d & entered

Pr J Blanchard
Pr Cler

MEETING AT WESTFORD.

Att a meeting of the Prop^{rs} of the New plantation or Town- ship Lately granted unto the Company or under the Command of the Late Capt William Tyng and their Associates, at the house of Cap^t Thomas Reads Innholder in Westford on Thurs- day the 40th day of June 1736.

Voted and Chose M^r Joseph Blanchard Moderator.

The Com^{tee} who were appointed to Lay out the Township into Lotts Reported that they had attended that Service and had Layd out and Coupled the same to the Sixty three Equal Shares as Directed Laying four Lotts to Each Share besides y^e Meadow Lotts on Great Cohas which were Added to those lotts which most Needed the same and had well Marked Bounded and Numbered the Same and also a lott of the Contents of

one hundred and Seventeen Acres on the Brook Called Little Cobas Brook in the Second Range of Lotts as P^r plan, for a Mill Lott which is not Coupled amongst the rest — a plan and table whereof was Exhibited to the Prop^s and also had run out and marked with Care the east Line of the township so as to keep Exact three miles & no more from each and every part of Merrimack River.

Which was voted to be Accepted and that they should be paid for that service by the prop^{rs}

Also voted that the Com^{tee} who Layd out the lotts be Desired to fit and prepare them to draw & that W^m Hall be Joyned in the affair.

Also Voted that there be a Com^{tee} appointed to Examine the acc^{os} of any person who was at Expen^{ce} in either money or time in Obtaining the Grant of the township and report thereon to the Prop^{rs} as soon as may be, what Each Originall Grantee Exclusive of y^e Associates has so expended in order that all may be made Equals.

Voted and Chose Capt William Lawrence Capt Thos Tarble & Mr. William Stickney for that service.

Then voted that the meeting be adjourned till tomorrow morning eight of the Clock and adjoined accordingly.

At y^e House of Mr. Tho^s Reads met again according to the S^d adjoi^{nt}ment.

Then after Reading Severall Acc^{os} Voted that Jonas Clark Esq^r the Reverend M^r Willard Hall Mess^{rs} W^m Tarble, Nathan Blodget & and John Richardson be chosen and appointed a Com^{tee} to Examine the Casting & vouchers of those Acompts what in their Judgments ought to be paid.

Then Jonas Clark Esq^r in y^e behalf of y^e S^d Com^{tee} Reported on the Several acc^{os} That there ought to be paid to the Several persons whose accompts were Committed to them by way of Discharges the Same the Sums hereafter mentioned and set against each persons Name an no more

			£	s	p
To Eph ^r Hildreth Esq ^r	-	-	51	8	0
To Cap ^t Josiah Richardson	-		48	8	0
To Cap ^t William Lawrence	-		8	1	6
To Cap ^t Thos Tarble	-	-	3	23	0
To Cap ^t Sheple	-	-	3	0	0
To Mr Benj ⁿ Parker	-		2	10	0
To Caleb Blodget	-		2	10	0
To Samuel Cummings Surveyor	-		41	16	0
To J McNiel (?) & James Cummings as Survey ^r			36	17	0
ditto		as Chainmen	10	11	0
To Eph ^m Hildreth Jun ^r as Chainman	-		5	2	0
To Jon ^a Butterfield	ditto	-	9	9	3
To Jon ^a Chamberlain	ditto		9	18	0
To John Mash	ditto	- -	16	9	0
To Nath ^{le} Butterfield Jun ^r	ditto		6	0	0
To W ^m Neehold	ditto		17	1	0
To Cymon Powers	ditto	-	7	14	0
To Mr Joseph Butterfield	ditto		11	6	0
To Joseph Buttler	ditto		5	8	0
To Zach ^h Hildreth	ditto		5	8	0
To Jon ^a Perham	- - - -		0	14	0

Which Report was accepted and the Several accompts aforementioned allowed & voted that the Same Should be paid out of y^e Prop^{rs} Treas^y

The Mr John Cummings from the Com^{tee} appointed the 8th of Sept last to enquire into the acct of Eph^m Hildreth & Cap^t John Sheple of their time and expence in obtaining the Grant of the township Reported that they had Examined the Acc^{ts} find Due to Eph^m Hildreth Esq^r the Sum of £63 6s 4p (sixty three pounds six shillings four pence) And due to Cap^t John Sheple the Sum of £63 6s 5p (Sixty three pounds six shillings five pence).

W^{ch} they are of opinion Ought to be paid them by this Propriety. which was Accepted and Allowed and voted that the Same be paid out of the treas^{ry}.

Then an acc^o of Joseph Blanchard was offered and read, for Service done Laying out the township and returning a plan thereof to the Gen^l Court in the Whole amounting to forty nine pounds fifteen Shillings. which was Accepted and Allowed and voted that the Same be paid out of the treas^{ry}.

Then Cap^t William Lawrence from the Com^{tee} appointed this meeting to examine into the acc^{ts} of any person who was at expence in either money or time in obtaining the Grant of y^e Township reported that they had attended that Service. and are of Opinion that the Sums in the following List Ought to be Allowed to each persons as set against his Name Out of the treas^{ry} or Discounted from their Rates —

Which is as followeth.

John Sheple	£4	4	0	Jonathan Parker by	2	10	0
Joseph Parker	4	15	0	Thomas ———			
Tho ^s Lund	2	13	0	Peter Talbirt by	3	4	0
Richard Warner	2	18	0	George ———			
W ^m Whitney	1	5	0	Stephen Keys	1	7	0
Nath ^{le} Wood	1	18	0	Benony Perham	2	2	0
Joseph Blanchard	2	4	0	Eleazer Parker	2	3	0
John Cummings	4	9	0	Thomas Cummings	2	9	0
John Longley	4	5	0	Josiah Richardson	3	4	0
Joseph Perham	1	10	0	Thomas Tarble	4	15	0
Joseph Butterfield	0	19	0	Jonathan Richardson	1	7	0
John Spalding	1	5	0	James Blanchard	2	1	0
John Spalding Jun ^r	1	19	0	Henry Farwell	1	11	0
Henry Spalding	1	18	0	Joseph Guilson	4	8	0
Will ^m Longley	4	8	0	John Richardson	4	10	0
Joseph Laking	1	14	0	Samuel Woods	3	15	0
Nath ^{le} Blood	1	11	0	Eph ^m Hildreth	3	5	0
John Holding	1	14	0	Samuel Chamberlin	3	13	0
Jonathan Page	3	7	0	Stephen Peirce	3	1	0
Nathaniel Butterfield	4	15	0	Timothy Spalding	2	19	0
Jonathan Butterfield	0	5	0	Paul Fletcher	3	7	0

Which Report was accepted & voted that each person here Set down be Discounted for so much of y^e Charges arisen on the respective Rights.

Then Voted that the meeting be Adjourned to the twenty Second day of this Instant June & to meet again at this Place at nine of the Clock in the forenoon And the meeting was accordingly Adjourned to the S^d time and place

Att a meeting of the Prop^{rs} and grantees of y^e Township Latly granted unto the Company under the Comand of the late Cap^t William Tyng Dec^d And their Associates Held by Adjournment from ye (11)th day of June Curr^t to this 22^d day of June. 1736

Mett and Voted that the Charges in Petitioning and Expences in Order to Obtain the grant of y^e township &c. until the meeting at Coll Clark's (after the money be paid by the Associates for their admittance be Deducted) be paid by the Petitioners or Originall Grantees in Equal Proportion, & that those men who have paid more than their Equal part therof be allowed so much in advance as they have paid Over, and those who have not paid their Equal Part of Such Charge Shall be Charged with the Sum they are behind of their Proportion upon drawing their Lotts and that Each Associate be on Equal Proportion of the Charge that has Arisen Since their Admittance with each of the other prop^{rs}. And that each proprietor pay down their part of Charge To the Clerk before that they be Admitted to draw Their respective Lotts.

And in Order to know how much is necessary to be Raised on each Right, Voted that Benj^a Prescott Esq. Mr Hall Cap^t Chamberlin Capt Blodget and Mr William Tarble be a Com^{tee} Desired to Enquire how much money has been granted, and how much is necessary to be raised, and report thereon as Soon as possible.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE.

Coll^o Prescott from the Com^{tee} afores^d Reported (in the words following,)

That the Com^{tee} are of Opinion that each of the Original Prop^{rs} pay upon drawing their lotts the Sum of nine pounds

fourteen Shillings and three pence Including the sum advanced and Allowed by the Prop^{rs} to each of Such Original Prop^{rs} admitted Associate pay the sum of five pounds Sixteen Shillings and nine pence, which being paid Together with Eighty eight pounds by those admitted associates and Sixty two pounds Due from Tho^s Worthley and Jonathan Perham will Leave Sixty two pounds Six shillings and Sixpence in the Treas^r hands after all acct^{os} allowed and voted by the prop^{rs} are Discharged and paid

Which Report was accepted and it was voted that the prop^{rs} pay the respective Sums to the Treas^r according to the aforewritten Report & and then that they be admitted to Draw their Lotts in Such a manner as shall be agreed on.

Then Voted that the Lotts be put into One hatt and the names of the prop^{rs} into another. And that Mr Thomas Kidder Mr. Sampson Spalding be desired to Draw them. One to Draw The Name and the Other to draw the Lott and as they are Succesively Drawn the Clerk to enter the same to Such prop^{rs} as are so Drawn.

Also Voted that the tract of Land Left and reserved by the Com^{tee} for a Meeting house place a training field & Burrying place Containing thirty acres Lying the north side of great Cohass against the Lotts N^o 3 and Number 4 be appropriated to that use and that the Lot No 4 in the S^d Third Range North of Cohass with the Lotts Coupled to the Same be appropriated for the first Settled Minister in y^e s^d Township And the Lott N^o 3 in the S^d Third Range for the Ministry and the Lotts that are coupled therewith. The remainder to be Drawn As afore^{sd}.

ASSIGNMENT OF LOTS.

Which being done by the s^d Mess^{rs} Kidder & Spalding agreeable to vote afores^d are as Followeth

The first Collum on the left Hand Contains the Number in Course of Drawing the lotts, the Second Contains the Number of the lot, the third Contains the N^o of the Range the lot is in the fourth Contains the N^o of y^e Lott, y^e fifth Contains the N^o of the Range, the Sixth Contains the N^o of the lot, the Seventh the N^o of the Range, the eighth Contains the Number of y^e Lot, y^e ninth Contains the N^o of range, the tenth Contains the N^o of y^e Meadow Lotts. which Lyeth on Great Cohass

	1.	2.	3.	4.	5.	6.	7.	8.	9.	10
	No of prop	Lot	Range	Lot	Range.	Lot	Range	Lot	Range	Meadow
Joseph Butterfield	1	6	1	12	4	63	2	60	4	2
Capt Henry Farwell	2	7	1	18	4	62	2	8N	3	3
John Richardson	3	9	1	52	2	10	4	29	3	4
Capt William Lawrence	4	10	1	53	2	7	4	30	3	5
Nathaniel Woods	5	12	1	11N	3	1	4	47	3	—
Jona th Sheple & } Zach ^{ry} Hildreth }	6	16	1	15N	3	6	4	59	4	6
The Hon ^l W ^m Dudley Esq ^r	7	17	1	13N	3	19	4	68	4	7
Jonathan Hartwell	8	2N	1	37	2	5N	3	69	4	—
Jonathan Richardson	9	1N	1	36	2	14N	3	77	4	—
Jonas Clark Esq ^r	10	3	1	11	4	23N	3	70	4	8
Eben ^r Spalding	11	2	1	1	1	25	3	71	4	9
Thomas Lund	12	7	2	50	2	41	3	55	4	—
Andrew Belcher Esq ^r	13	6	2	12	3	42	3	56	4	—
Mess ^{rs} Tho ^s Parker & } W ^m Read }	14	5	2	13	3	40	3	57	4	10
Jonathan Page	15	12	2	4	3	6N	1	58	4	—
Joseph Guilson	16	13	2	3	3	13N	1	76	4	—
Richard Warner	17	15	2	16	3	50	4	25	2	—
Stephen Kyes	18	16	2	17	3	51	4	23	2	—
Joseph Blanchard	19	24	2	38	4	20N	3	75	4	—
Thomas Cumings	20	30	2	39	4	21N	3	25	4	—
William Whitney	21	34	2	19	2	22N	3	63	4	—
Timothy Spalding	22	35	2	18	2	28	3	74	4	—
Samuel Woods	23	4	2	3	2	66	4	31	3	—
Eleazer Tyng Esq ^r	24	1	2	2	2	65	4	32	3	—
Nathaniel Butterfield	25	21	2	49	2	67	4	36	3	—
The School Lott	26	22	2	47	4	33	3	38	2	—
Tho ^s Tarble	27	10	3	48	4	11N	1	46	3	—
Benj ^a Prescott Esq ^r	28	8	3	2	4	10N	1	45	3	—
Peter Talbirt	29	6	3	3	4	14N	1	44	3	—
Josiah Richardson	30	20	3	8	4	15N	1	43	3	16
John Colburn	31	21	3	5	4	14N	1	39	3	—
Jonath ⁿ Butterfield	32	19	3	4	4	48	2	40	4	—
Paul Fletcher	33	16	3	14	2	34	3	58	4	—

	1.	2.	3.	4.	5.	6.	7.	8.	9.	10
	No of prop	Lot	Range	Lot	Range	Lot	Range	Lot	Range	Meadow
Stephen Peirce	34	2	3	26	2	27	2	41	4	—
Samuel Chamberlin	35	5	3	51	2	12 _N	1	31	4	—
Tho ^s Colburn	36	7	3	19	1	52	4	64	2	—
Jonathan Hill	37	8	3	18	1	53	4	61	2	—
Joseph Parker	38	9 _N	3	23	1	24	3	30	4	—
John Chandler	39	10 _N	3	8	2	54	4	39	2	—
Eleazer Parker	40	16 _N	3	17	2	35	3	20	4	12
Joseph Laken	41	17 _N	3	5	1	43	2	21	4	—
Benj ^a Thomson	42	18 _N	3	16 _N	1	2 _N	3	73	4	—
John Sheple	43	19 _N	3	17 _N	1	54	2	72	4	—
John Spalding Jun ^r	44	22	3	9 _N	1	26	3	29	4	—
Eph ^m Hildreth Esq ^r	45	11	3	3 _N	1	27	3	28	4	—
Nath ^{le} Blood	46	7 _N	3	49	4	31	2	40	2	—
Joseph Perham	47	9	4	22	1	58	2	41	2	1
John Hunt	48	13	4	20	2	32	2	6	3	—
John Cumings	49	14	4	2 _N	3	33	2	37	3	—
John Holding	50	15	4	4 _N	1	43	4	23	3	—
Tho ^s Tarble Associate	51	16	4	7 _N	1	60	2	42	4	—
Caleb Blodget	52	17	4	21	1	59	2	27	4	—
John Longley	53	32	4	8 _N	1	64	3	24	4	17
Samuel Davis	54	33	4	5 _N	1	56	2	26	4	18
James Blanchard	55	34	4	4	1	57	2	55	4	19
Will ^m Longley	56	35	4	8	1	28	2	56	4	14
Henry Spalding	57	36	4	11	1	29	2	57	4	20
John Tyng	58	37	4	13	1	44	2	58	4	21
Benony Perham	59	45	4	14	1	45	2	59	4	22
Jon ^a by Tho ^s Parker	60	46	4	15	1	46	2	60	4	—
John Spalding	61	1	3	20	1	47	2	44	4	11
Lott for the Minister	62	3 _N	3	9	2	61	4	22	4	15
Lot for the Ministry	63	4 _N	3	20	2	62	4	23	4	—

Then On a motion of William Laking Shewing that he had Advanced the Sum of one pound Sixteen Shillings to Carry on y^e Petition at Court, praying it might be repaid him

Voted that the Treas^r pay to the S^d Will^m Laking the Said Sum of One pound Sixteen Shillings Out of the treas^{ry}

Also on a motion of M^r Jon^a Hartwell Shewing that he had advanced £1 15 0 for the Same use

Voted that the treas^r pay y^e S^d Sum of one pound fifteen Shillings. To the S^d Hartwell out of the treas^{ry}

Also on a motion of Cap^t Caleb Blodget praying that they would further Consider his Accom^{pt} wherin he Charged The prop^y D^r for time and Expences at Boston Obtaining the grant of the township

	£4 10 0
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Also for Laying Out the Grant of 1680 Acres made to this Prop ^y three days him Self and a Surveyor @ 10s $\frac{3}{4}$ day each & Two Chainmen @ 6s $\frac{3}{4}$ day each	4 16 0
Total	9 6 0

Voted that the Said Sum of nine pounds Six Shillings be paid the S^d Cap^t Blodget by the prop^y Treas^r

Also an Acc ^o of Cap ^t Samuel Chamberlain for money and time Expended in Obtaining the Grant of the Township	£5 9 0
To 4 days Laying Out the Township	2 8 0
Total	7 17 0

Voted that the Said Sum of Seven pounds Seventeen Shillings be paid To the S^d Cap^t Chamberlain by The treas^r

And Further allowed to Cap^t John Sheple £0 7 6 for Drawing a Warr^t & posting y^e first prop^y meeting

Also an acco^{mt} of Cap^t Read wheriu he Chargeth the prop^{rs} Debter to two days measuring Cross the township @ 6s ⁹/₁₆ day £0 12 0

To Entertaining the Com^{tee} Sept 10th 1735 when

Adjusting the acc^o with Major Hildreth & Cap^t Sheple

2 6 1

Total 2 18 1

Also Charges for the Entertainment of the Society at the first meeting before this adjournment

27 18 10

Also Charges for the present Entertainment

26 5 10

Which in the whole Amounts to

57 2 9

Voted that the Said Sum of fifty Seven pounds two Shillings and nine pence be paid To the Said Cap^t Read Out of y^e Prop^y treas^{ry}

Then on a motion made and Seconded by Several of the Prop^{rs} voted that Benja Prescot Esq^r and Cap Benja Tompson Esq^r be Desired to return a Plan of the 1680 Acres as Lay'd Out by Major Hildreth & Cap^t Richardson Provided y^e plot Exhibited to the Court by Cap^t Blodget be not Accepted. Also Voted that provided the S^d Cap^t Blodgets plan be Accepted that Cap^t Joseph Blanchard Mess^{rs} Benja Parker & John Colburn be Desired to View y^e 1680 Acres Lay'd Out by Cap^t Blodget to See if it will do to Accept And that they report at the next meeting

Pursuant To The request of a Sufficient Number of the prop^{rs}, of Tyng Township so Called

These are to Give Notice to the prop^{rs} of the S^d Township that they Convene and meet at the House of M^r Thomas Harwood in Dunstable Inholder On the Second Day of August next at ten of the Clock in the forenoon then and there first to hear the Accounts of any Person to whome the Prop^{rs} are Justly Indebted and Order payment therof.

2^{dly} To Choose & Impower Proper Persons To Eject any Persons out of Possession who have unlawfully Entered on

any Lands in the S^d Township before or Since the Same was granted and give them Such Instructions as may be tho^t proper

3^{dly} To hear the report of y^e Com^{tee} appointed to view the 1680 Acres in June last.

4^{ly} to Raise Such Sum or Sums of money as may be tho^t necessary. to pay the prop^{rs} Just Debts and Carry on any necessary affair for the prop^{rs}

5 To Choose a Collector and assessors to Assess and Collect the Same— Dated at Dunstable July y^e 10th 1736.

JOSEPH BLANCHARD Prop^{rs} Cler

The aforewritten Notification was posted Agreeable to y^e vote for Calling Meetings att^s

JOSEPH BLANCHARD Prop^{rs} Cler

COMMITTEE TO SUSTAIN CLAIMS CHOSEN. REPORT OF COMMITTEE
IN REGARD TO THE DISPUTED 1680 ACRES OF LAND.

Att a meeting of the Prop^{rs} of Tyng Township so called at the House of M^r Thomas Harwood Inholder, at Dunstable, on the second day of August, 1736 :

Voted and Chose Benj^a Prescott, Esq^r ., Moderator.

Also Voted that Cap^t Josiah Richardson Mess^{rs} Benj^a Parker & Will^m Tarble be Chosen and appointed a Com^{tee} and fully Impowered to Sue and Prosecute any or every person in Ejectment that were Inhabitating on any of y^e Lands in the S^d Township before the division thereof and Continue so to be On Condition that the Owner of the Lott will first make over and Oblidge himself to render all Damages (that shall be recovered) to the Prop^{ty} and that the Com^{tee} be further Directed to take Security of the Owner of the lotts as afores^d to render So much to the prop^{ty} as the lott or Lotts is benefitted by such Improvements and the Charges that shall arise thereon to be born by the prop^{ty} and that the Comittee afores^d be Joyntly & Severally Impowered to act in all the affair of y^e foregoing vote Against which vote Nicholass Sprague & Thomas Parker of Chelmsford entered their Desents.

The Com^{tee} appointed the 22^d of June last to view y^e 1680 acres viz. Benj^a Parker from the Com^{tee} Reported That they had attended that Service and are of the opinion that the Land lay'd out by Cap^t Blodget for that use is mean and Better may be had Which Report was accepted and voted that an Other Place be Look't out for that use. And the S^d Com^{tee} pray that they may be allowed for their Trouble as followeth.

Benj ^a Parker for 4 days @ 10s. £ day	- -	£2	0	0
John Colburn for 4 days @ 10s £ day	-	2	0	0
Samuel Cumings for 4 days @ 12s. £ day		2	8	0
Further Charges for one Journey to Chelmsford and Westford to post notifications @ 10s			10	0
Benj ^a Parker Further Charges for posting Notifi- cation at Groton - - -			3	0
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Which in the whole amounts to		7	1	0

Which account was allowed and accepted & Ordered that the prop^{rs} Clerk and treas^r pay the Same.

Then Voted that Cap^t William Lawrence be Joyned to the Com^{tee} for Suing &c. Chosen at this Meeting.

Also Voted that Cap^t Joseph Blanchard Clerk of this Propriety be allowed for his Service as Followeth for—Notification to be posted for the meeting @ three shillings each. for Recording of Notifications at 1s 6d £ page. for fraiming and Recording Prop^{rs} votes at three Shillings £ page Reckning at the rate of Lawfull pages. And that He be allowed and paid by the Prop^{rs} his reasonable Demands for his trouble in serving as Treas^r and also that he be Directed to Record the whole of the lotts in a Book for the prop^{rs} and that he be allowed for the same five Shillings for Each Right or Share to be paid him out y^e prop^{rs} Treas^{ry} Also voted that he be allowed and paid the Sum of thirty five Shillings for a Book he has procured for the Prop^{rs} And that the votes and the records be entered in the Same.

Also Voted that the Sum of Ninety pounds be raised and paid to the treas^r within three months.

Also Voted and Chose Cap^t Joseph Blanchard Mess^{rs} John Richardson & Jonathan Sheple be Chosen and appointed Assessors for this Prop^{ty}

Also Voted and Chose M^r Joshua Converse Collector for the Ninety pounds Rated for Voted to be raised at this meeting.

Also Voted that the Sum of five pounds be paid to M^r Thomas Harwood for the Expences by the prop^{rs} Clerk and treas^r

Also Voted that Mess^{rs} Benj^a Parker and John Colburn be Directed and Desired with a Surveyor & Chainmen to Lay out the best piece of y^e Unappropriated Lands of the Province to Satisfie the Grant of 1680 acres made to this prop^{ty} they Can find with all Convenient Speed And make return therof at the next prop^{rs} meeting.

ACTION FOR A SAWMILL.

Pursnant to the request of a Sufficient Number of the Prop^{rs} of Tyngs Township so Called

These are to give notice to the prop^{rs} of y^e S^d Township that they Convene and meet at the house of M^r Tho^s Harwood Inholder in Dunstable On Monday the 15th day of November next Ensning Att Eleven of the Clock in the forenoon Then and there to come into some proper Method for the Erecting of Mills in the S^d Township and to Give Such Enconragement To Any Person or persons as shall Undertake the Same by Granting them Lands or Any Other Way that may be tho^t Convenient. and As they think Proper and See if they will Sell any Lands for Publick Uses that is not yet Allotted to y^e Prop^{rs} in y^e Division of y^e Township Also to See where prop^{rs} Meetings Shall be held for the future Dated at Dunstable the 28th day of October 1736

JOSEPH BLANCHARD prop^{rs} Cler

The aforewritten Notification was posted in the Several towns Agreeable to the vote of y^e Prop^{rs} for Callings of Meetings

Att^s JOSEPH BLANCHARD Prop^{rs} Cler.

Att a Meeting of the Prop^{rs} of the Comon So Called Assembled and met at the House of M^r Tho^s Harwood Inholder in Dunstable On Monday the 15th day of November 1736.

Voted & Chose Benj^a Prescott Esq^r Moderator.

Also Voted that Eleazer Tyng Esq^r Cap^t Joseph Blanchard & M^r William Tarble be a Com^{tee} Directed & Fully Impowered to Agree with any proper Person or Persons that shall give bond to the Said Com^{tee} in trust, to and for the use of the prop^{rs} of five hundred pounds with Sufficient Surety's within the Space of ten months next Coming To Erect a Sufficient Sawmill at and have the Same ready to Saw boards and timber upon the Brook Called Little Cohass or upon the Other brook Called great Cohass in y^e S^d Township and also within the Space of three Years Erect and finish a good Grist mill at one or Other of the S^d places and keep the Same mills in Good Repair fit for Service the term of twenty Years And that he Saw at all times for the Prop^{rs} Such Loggs as they Carry to his mill for One half of the boards &c or at the rate of twenty Shillings p Thousand for good Marchantable boards at the Election of the prop^{rs} Carrying Loggs to the Mill and that he be Oblidged to Saw for each Prop^r an Equal proportion of Loggs if Such Prop^r Shall Desire it and provide loggs as afores^d And for Such person or persons Encouragement who shall undertake to Build Mills and p form the terms and Articles as aforesaid; the Com^{tee} are hereby Fully Impowered to give the Stream & Land Reserved upon it for the Use of a mill &c On the brook Called Little Cohass afores^d or any part thereof to Such Undertaker his heirs and Assigns forever and pass a good and Sufficient Deed therof

Also Voted that Prop^{rs} meetings be held at Groton for the future untill the prop^{rs} shall see Cause to alter the Same

Upon A motion made and Seconded the Question was put whether the Clerk pay out of the prop^y money, M^r Harwood for what has been Expended in his house this meeting (which Amounts to Six pounds nineteen Shillings & eight pence.) it was voted in the affirmative Nemine Contra-dicenté

Also it was voted nemine Contradicenté that the prop^{rs} Clerk and Treas^r Cap^t Joseph Blanchard do not pay Cap^t Caleb Blod-

get any money for any Service by him Pretended to have been done for the prop^{rs} (he haveing Deceived & Imposed upon them any former Orders to the Contrary notwithstanding

The foregoing votes passed at the meeting afores^d
Att^s Benj^a Prescott Moderator

The afore written votes is a true record Entered \P me
JOSEPH BLANCHARD Prop^{rs} Cler

MEETING TO RAISE MONEY AND HEAR REPORTS.

Pursuant To The request of a Sufficient Number of y^e Prop^{rs} of Tyngs Township so Called

These are to give notice to the prop^{rs} of the Said Township that they assemble and meet at the House of M^r Benj^a Bancrofts Inholder In Groton on Tuesday the 28th day of March next at ten of the Clock in the forenoon Then & There first to hear the report of the Com^{tee} Chosen to Agree with Some person or persons Relating to the Building of a mill or mills in S^d Township and give Such Further Incouragement to any that Shall undertake that Service, by Grants of Lands or money that shall be tho^t Needful & Proper

Also to hear and Consider the acc^{os} of any person to whome the prop^{rs} are Justly Indebted & Order payment therof

Also to Raise any Sum or Sums of money that Shall be tho^t necessary for Carrying on any of Prop^{rs} necessary Buisness

Also to See if the prop^{rs} will free M^r Andrew Belcher from paying any of the past Charges in Said Township

Also To Choose a prop^{rs} Clerk.

Dated at Dunstable the 28th day of February 1737
JOSEPH BLANCHARD Prop^{rs} Cler

The aforewritten Notification was post in the Severall Towns agreeable to the vote for Calling of Meetings \P me
JOSEPH BLANCHARD Prop^{rs} Cler

Att a meeting of the Prop^{rs} of Tyngs Township so Called on Tuesday the 28th of March 1738 (~~1739~~) Assembled at the house of M^r Benjamin Baucroft Inholder in Groton .

Benj^a Prescott Esq^r was Chosen Moderator

Then Voted and Agreed that the mill Lott as Lay'd out in the Second range and the lot next Below Namaskeeg Falls Joyning to the two hundred acres reserved for the Province at S^d falls be and hereby is granted and Confirmed unto M^r William Tarble his heirs and assigns forever on Condition that he give bond with Obligated in the Sum of five hundred Pounds with Sufficient Security, conditioned for the building a Sawmill on Little Cohass or great Cohass Brook within S^d Township, in the Space of Seven months next Coming, and keeping the Same in Good repair fit for Use for the Space of ten years next Coming after the Same is built and that he Erect and build a good Grist mill On One of the S^d Brooks within the Space of Six months next after the number of twenty familys be Settled in the said Township and keep the Same in good Repair for the Space of ten years next Coming after the said mill is Erected and fitted for use and that he Saw for and Sell to any of the prop^{rs} of the Said Township, During the Said term at the prizes which is usually paid to Persons Owning mills in the Same or in the Neighbouring Towns

And That Benj^a Prescott Esq^r Cap^t Tho^s Tarble and M^r Benj^a Parker be a Comittee to take Such Obligation in the name and behalf of y^e Prop^{rs} and to be forfeited to their Use on failure of any of y^e Conditions aforesaid

Also Voted that M^r Andrew Belcher be Dissmissed all the rates heretofore assessed on his Right

Cap^t Josiah Richardson from the Com^{tee} appointed to Sue and Prosecute &c Reported Shewing that they had been to view the tresspasses done, and had Comenced Some Actions which Since were agreed under promise to desist and go off the Land, and that the Expences of the viewing getting evidences Catching the tresspassers, are as Followeth.

To Josiah Richardson viewing to find what			
Tresspass was done three days @	£1	10	0
To Will ^m Tarble Ditto 3 days -	1	10	0
by Will ^m Tarble paid To Benj ^a Blodget -		6	0
More to One day S ^d Richardson -		10	0
More S ^d Tarble for One day		10	0
When the Accions was Comenced to men			
Carried for assistants to Namaskeeg at 10s			
per day each			
To Coll Prescott 3 days in that Service	£1	10	0
Cap ^t Lawrence 3 days Ditto	1	10	0
Lieu ^t Tarble 3 days Ditt ^o -	1	10	0
Benj ^a Parker 3 days Ditt ^o	1	10	0
Jonathan Sheple 3 days Ditt ^o	1	10	0
Joseph Farwell Jun ^r 3 days Ditt ^o	1	10	0
Samuel Woods : 3 days Ditt ^o -	1	10	0
Cap ^t Jona. Richardson 2 days Ditt ^o	1	0	0
Cap ^t Joseph Blanchard 2 days Ditt ^o	1	0	0
Major Ep ^m Hildreth 3 days Ditt ^o	1	10	0
Sam ^l Colburn 3 days Ditt ^o -	1	10	0
Jon ^a Perham 2 days Ditt ^o -	1	0	0
Josiah Richardson 3 days Ditt ^o	1	10	0
Cash p ^d To John Varnum for Service	0	12	0
Total	£22	18	0

The aforewritten Acc^o was Read allowed and Ordered that the Same Should be paid by the Treas^r to the respective persons therin Named

Also an Acc^o of Cap^t William Lawrence wherin he Chargeth the prop^{ry} Deb^t for Serving two writts two Defend^{ts} in each writ @ - £3 0 0
 for three Blanks - - - 0 3 0
 which was read Allowed and Ordered that the Same be paid Out of y^e prop^{rs} Treas^{ry}

Also Ep^m Hildreth Esq^r & Joseph Butterfield Charg^s the prop^{rs} Dr^r to three days each going to meet and Accomodate wth McCleary's @ 10s per day each £3 0 0
 Cap^t William Lawrence 3 days Ditt^o - 1 10 0
 which was Read Allowed and Ordered to be paid out of y^e prop^{rs} Treas^{ry}

Benj^a Parker From the Com^{tee} appointed to Lay out y^e 1680 Acre grant reported that they had attended that Service & that a plan therof was Returned to the Gene Court and Accepted and Lay'd an Acc^o of his Expences before the Society. as Followeth, Nov^r 22^d 1736

Prop^{rs} Dr for Service runing round and taking a plan of 1680 Acres of Land Joyning to Piskatoguage River

To Benj ^a Parker 11 days @ 10s $\frac{2}{3}$ day	£5	10	0
To John Colburn 11 days @ 10s $\frac{2}{3}$ day	-	5	10 0
Sam ^l Cumings as Surveyor 11 days - -	6	12	0
To Isaac Patch assistant 10 days @ 10s $\frac{2}{3}$ day	5	0	0
Total	22	12	0

The aforewritten Acc^o was Read Allowed and Accepted and Ordered that the Same be paid Out of the prop^{rs} Treas^{ry}

Also Voted that the Prop^{rs} Clerk and Treas^r pay M^r Bancroft the Expences of the present Meeting which Amounts to the Sum of Eight pounds Sixteen Shillings

ACTION IN REGARD TO HIRING A MINISTER.

Pursuant To the request of a Sufficent number of the Prop^{rs} of Tyngs Township so Called

These are to give Notice to the prop^{rs} of the S^d Tyngs Township that they Convein and meet at the House of M^r John Buckley Inholder in Groton on Tuesday the 28th day of November Curr^t at ten of the Clock in the forenoon then and there to hear and Examin the Acc^o of the prop^{ry} To See what money has been Raised and how far the Same has been paid Away.

Also to See if the prop^{rs} will hire Preaching in S^d Township and how Long

Also to Agree upon and Order the Building a meeting house in S^d Township if they see Cause and Raise money to Defray any necessary Charges that may be tho^t Needfull

Also to Agree upon what place prop^{rs} meetings Shall beheld at for the future

Dated at Dunstable y^e 2^d day of November 1738¹

JOSEPH BLANCHARD prop^{rs} Cler

The aforewritten Notification was posted in the Several & Respective Towns agreeable to the vote for Calling of meetings
 of me

JOSEPH BLANCHARD Prop^{rs} Cler

Att a meeting of the prop^{rs} of Tyngs Township so Called, at the house of M^r Benj^a Bancroft Inholder in Groton Assembled On the 28th day of November 1738

Voted & Chose Ephraim Hildreth Esq^r Moderator

Also Voted and Chose Cap^t William Lawrence Mess^{rs} Benj^a Parker And Will^m Stickney a Com^{tee} to Examin into the Acc^{os} of y^e S^d Propriety an Report thereon at the next meeting

Also Voted that Cap^t Will^m Lawrence be Added to the Com^{tee} for Letting Out the mills in the room of Co^l Prescott Esq^r Deceased.

Also Voted that there be assessed on y^e Prop^{rs} the Sum of thirty pounds, (to be Lay'd out in Preaching the Gosspe^l in the (?) Said Township where that the prop^{rs} that are now Settled there shall see Cause to Agree upon) and Ep^m Hildreth Esq^r To take the care and Procure Such preaching there,

Also Voted that the Meetings be held at the House of M^r Isaac Farwell Inholder in Dunstable for the future

Also voted that the Expence Expended at this Meeting to (he) paid by the prop^{ty} w^{ch} is £3 0 0

Also Voted that Ep^m Hildreth Esq^r pay the Reckning to M^r Buckley viz. thirty Shillings each and that they be admitted to Draw the Same Out of treas^{ry} Again

EPH^m HILDRETH Moderator

A true record Entered of JO^s BLANCHARD Prop^{rs} Cler

1 It does not appear that any meeting was held for a year or more, during which time several of the grantees, dissatisfied with the expense and future prospect of the grant, abandoned their claims.

Pursuant To the request of a Sufficient Number of the Prop^{rs} of Tyngs Township (so Called)

These are to give Notice To the prop^{rs} of the Said Township that they Couvein and meet at the House of M^r Isaac Farwell Inholder

In Dunstable on thirsday the eighth day of Mareh next at ten of the elock in the forenoon then and there to grant and Confirm Any Lands to Any Person who will undertake the Erecting of Mills in the S^d Township (as shall be Agreed on)

Also to hear the Report of the Com^{tee} Chosen the last Prop^{rs} meeting to Examin the prop^{rs} Acc^{os}

Also to Choose a prop^{rs} Clerk and treas^r

Also to Se if they will Erect a Meetinghouse in the S^d Township

Also to Raise a Sutable Sum of money to Defray the necessary Charges Risen and Ariseing in the Said Township

Also to Choose and Impower proper persons as Agents to Sue or Defend in Any Aetion Comenced or to be Comenced for or Against the S^d Prop^{rs} or wherin they may be Concerned and to pursue the Same to final Judgement & Exeeution if they See cause and give them Such Instructions as Shall be tho^t Prop^r Dated at Dunstable Febr^y 6th 1738

JOSEPH BLANCHARD Prop^{rs} Cler

The aforewritten Notification has been posted in the Several & respective Towns Agreeable to The vote of y^e Prop^{rs} for Calling Meetings ¶ me

JO^s BLANCHARD Prop^{rs} Cler

Att a meeting of the Prop^{rs} of Tyngs Township so Called at the House of M^r Isaac Farwell Inholder in Dunsble assembled on the 8th day of March 1738

Voted & Chose Eleazer Tyng Esq^r Moderator

Also that Whereas Jonathan Perham has bound himself to this Prop^{ty} to Erect Certain mills and Perform Sundry Dutys in S^d Tyngs Township as ~~of~~ his Bond, Therefore in Consideration therof. Voted And Agreed that the mill Lott in the S^d Tyngs Township in the Second range of Lotts as Lay'd Out and Described by the plan therof, And Also a Lott Containing about Sixty Acres near and adjoyning to Namaskeeg Falls in S^d Township Bounded Westerly by Merrimack River Northerly by the two Hundred Acres Reserved by the Province for the fishery Easterly by the Second Range line Southerly by the lott N^o 15 and as the Same is more expressly Set forth and Delineated by a plan therof on file be granted and Confirmed unto Jonathan Perham of Nottingham his heirs and Assigns forever

Also the Committee viz. Cap^t William Lawrence Mess^{rs} Benjamin Parker & William Stickney, Appointed to Enquire into the State of the treasy And know the Receipts and Disbursements of the Treas^r & his vouchers Reported as Followeth

Assessed on the Prop ^{rs} Exclusive of the			
Last thirty Shillings Tax Comitted to			
Joshua Converse to Collect together with			
Associates money five hundred and One			
pound five Shillings & eight pence	£501	5	8
paid the Treasurer by Jonathan Perham	40	0	0
By Thomas Worthley -	22	0	0
By a Rong Casting	2	0	0
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	564	5	8

Wee Likewise find that Cap^t Joseph Blanchard Treasurer of this Prop^{ty} has paid Out to Several Persons Agreeable to the grants of this Prop^{ty} the Sum of Six Hundred twenty One pounds twelve Shillings, & A penny

	£621	12	1
Which Leaves the Ballance Due to the Treas ^r	57	6	5

And in Asmuch As the Collector of y^e 30s or £90, Rate viz. M^r Joshua Converse has not made Return and no Regard to. that Rate Which report was voted Allowed & Accepted, And Ordered that the Prop^{rs} Treas^r be Discharged of the Respective Sums by him Rec^d Exclusive of y^e afores^d 30s or Ninety Pounds Rates & have the Aforementioned Ballance allowed him.

Also Voted and Agreed that the Sum of Six pounds nine Shillings be granted and Allowed To Maj^r Eph^m Hildreth Esq^r As An Addition to the grants and Allowances heretofore made him by This Prop^{ty} on Condition And in consideration that he drop the Action Designed by him Against the Prop^{ty} and take the Same & the Sums Granted heretofore in full Satisfaction of All Demands on the Prop^{ty} & he at y^e Same Declared his Action drop't

Also Voted that the Prop^{rs} Expences at this meeting be Paid by the Prop^{rs} Treas^r viz £9 4 0

The Prop^{rs} of Tynstown Being duly notified to assemble at the house of Isaac Farwell in Dunstable on y^e 3^d day of April 1739 to Act On the following Articles — viz

To hear the Acc^{os} of any person to whome the Prop^{ty} are Justly Indebted And allow and Order payment thereof if they think meet

Also to hear the Adjusting of Any Acc^{ots} necessary for the Prop^{rs} to Enquire into in Order to know how much money is necessary to Raise for payment of the Prop^{rs} debts & Carrying On any affairs to y^e Prop^{rs} Benifit

Also to Choose Assessors a Collector Prop^{rs} Clark and treas^r

Accordingly mett At time & Place

Jonas Clak Esq^r was Chosen moderator

Also Voted that Eleazer Tyng & Ep^m Hildreth Esq^{rs} & M^r Will^m Stickney be a Con^{ttee} to examin into the Additional Acc^{os} of Joseph Blanchard Treas^r who Reported

They found to be Added to his Credit viz.

paid To Jo ^s Butterfield, Allowed Jan ^y 3 ^d 1737	-	-	-	-	£3	10	9
To Jo ^s Buttler Allowed December 5 th 1737					5	8	0
To John Usher Allowed may 11 1737					1	10	0
To Sam ^l Cumings Dit ^o April 25 th 1737					2	8	0
To Benj ^a Parker may y ^e 8: 1738					1	10	0
To John Lovewell Jun ^r July 9 th 1737					2	4	0
To Joshua Converse p ^d M ^r Isaac Farwells Expences					9	4	0
List Returned by Joshua Converse of Delinquents	-				19	15	0
To Cash Paid at Isaac Farwells Expences more to Cash p ^d Sam ^l Cumings on Cap ^t Lawrences Acc ^o					9	4	0
To Cap ^t Caleb Blodget Cash					1	10	0
More Cash paid Eph ^m Hildreth					6	0	0
more by M ^r Andrew Belchers Rates Abated					6	15	0
more Cash p ^d for apropr ^{rs} Book					1	10	0
					1	0	0
				Total	70	8	9
Which Sums viz.	-				57	6	5
And	-	-	-	-	70	8	9
					127	15	2

for Which the S^d Treasurer give Credit the Prop^{rs}, by One Ninety pounds Rate 90 0 0
 Comitted unto Joshua Converse to Collect
 Ballance Due to S^d Treas^r - - 37 15 2
 Which Acc^o was Read Allowed Accepted And it was Voted
 that the S^d Ballance of 37 15 2 be paid to Joseph Blanchard Treas^r

Also Voted that the Sum of Two Hundred & forty pounds be assessed on the Prop^{rs} And Mess^{rs} Joseph Blanchard Jon^a Bowers and Josiah Richardson were Chosen Assessors & Will^m Stickney Collector for S^d Rate, And Sworne to their respective Trusts before Eleaz^r Tyng Esq^r Jus^{ce} of peace

Also Voted & Chose Jonas Clark Esq^r Treas^r for this Prop^{ty} who Accepted of that trust

Voted And Allowed to Mess^{rs} William Lawrence William Stickney & Benj^a Parker ten Shillings Each for their Respective Services Looking into the treas^{rs} acc^{os}

VOTE TO BUILD A MEETING-HOUSE AND INQUIRE INTO THE
BOUNDARY DISPUTE.

Att a meeting of the Prop^{rs} of Tyngs township so Called Regularly Warned And Assembled at the House of M^r Isaac Farwell Inholder in Dunstable the 21st of August 1740

Voted and Chose Cap^t Sam^l Chamberlain, Moderator

Then Voted that those persons whose Lands (in S^d Township And Part of the Original Prop^{ty} Are teresspassed upon or Are passed by Any Person Claiming under New Hampshire shall within three months from from this meeting Prosecute Such Persons else be deprived for the future of Any Benifit or Assistance from the Prop^{ty} in the Defence or Recovery of Any Such Lands

Also Voted that Mess^{rs} Eph^m Hildreth Will^m Lawrence & Joseph Blanchard be a Com^{tee} fully Impowered & Directed at the Charge of this Prop^{ty} (by Taking a Legal Power) to Assist in Suing And defending in Any Action Comenced or to be Comenced, of tresspass or Ejectment. for or against any Person or Persons in tryal of the Title or Trespass as afores^d on Any Lands in S^d Township belonging to the Prop^{ty} or grantees therof S^d Com^{tee} or Any One of these Are directed also at the Cost and Charge of the Prop^{rs} that if any Prop^{rs} as afores^d be Arrested and Carryed into the Province of New Hampshire by any Writ or process for Improveing on their Lands there, to Redeem them from Such Arrests or Arrest. and to take a power of Attorney to Appear in their names to Prosecute and Defend in any Matter Joyntly or Severally According to the Whole tenour of this vote

Also Voted that the S^d Com^{tee} be Impowered to draw so much money out of the treasury as there may An Imediate Occasion for, And be Accompt to the Prop^{rs} for the Same And the Treasurer is likewise Directed on their Request and Giving receipt to pay it Accordingly

Also Voted that the following Acco^{os} Occasioned by the Prop^{rs} of Londonderry arresting Jonathan Chamberlain be Allowed

viz to Cap ^t Josiah Richardson One Pound	£1	0	0
To Jonathan Chamberlain	1	10	0
To Sam ^l Chamberlain Jun ^r	1	0	0
To Deacon Joseph Perham ten Shillings	0	10	0
Also Allowed To Joseph Blanchard for his Journey to Tyngs Town & Trouble with the Action of Tarble against Bell two pounds	2	0	0
Allowed to Cap ^t Tarble & Cap ^t Lawrence Forty Shillings each for their Service in that affair	4	0	0

Also Voted that the Sum of Thirty Pounds
be Allowed for preaching the trouble of
hireing & Billiting inCluded, - - £30 0 0

Also Voted that Mess^{rs} Jonathan Chamberlain Archabald Stark and Micael M^c Clinto be Directed to Take Care to Provide the Same

Also Voted that the Prop^{rs} Inhabiting in S^d Township Ap-
point the place where Such meeting shall be held

Also Allowed To Joseph Blanchard ten shillings for his Service in making the last Rate, -	£0	10	0
Also Allowed to Joshua Converse ten pounds for his Service as Collector	10	0	0
To Mr William Stickney Collect four pounds for his Service -	4	0	0
To Joseph Blanchard to his Service in Collecting the first Taxes & Service as treas ^r Down till the Choice of Coll ^l Clark fifteen Pounds -	15	0	0
for his Services As Clark Entering votes Posting Meetings &c - -	15	0	0
for attendance on Comittec ExaminingAc ^{os}	00	10	0

Also Voted and Allowed to Mr Isaac Farwell, the Sum of ten pounds fourteen Shillings money for Expences at his house. y^e meeting

Att a meeting of the Prop^{rs} of Tyngs township so Called Regularly assembled at the House of Mr Isaac Farwell Inholder in Dunstable On the first day of January 1739

Voted And chose W^m Lawrence Esq^r Moderator.

Also Voted and Chose Benja^a Thompson Esq^r Capt^{ns} Josiah Richardson & Thomas Taible a Com^{tee} to Manage the Prudentials of this Prop^{ty} & That they be Directed to State And Order the Places of Building necessary Bridges in S^d Township, the Place of the Inhabitants meeting On the Sabbath that they determin the necessity of Calling Meetings, that they Order the Seasons in the year for Preaching in S^d Township, when money at anytime is raised for that Use, That they be also directed to Enquire into the Compliance of those Persons Obligated to Erect mills in S^d Township & Report thereon to this Prop^{ty} the next meeting Also to Examin into the Prop^{rs} Accompts Since April Last past, And Other Acc^{os} not before Settled & see if their money has been paid in and Distributed According to the vote of this Prop^{ty}, and Report thereon at the next meeting.

Also Voted that they be directed forthwith to Enquire Into the Proceedure of the Collector and Assessors of this Prop^{ty} where there are any delinquents, in Any of the past rates, if there has been Any deficiency in the Proceedings, in any Such rates, as to render the Sale of Such delinquents Lands, Invalid that they be Directed (Provided they find Such deficiency) forthwith to Cause to be performed all such (?) requisites necessary in Order for recovering such delinquents rates, & in the Name and Behalf of this Prop^{ty} to proceed According to Law to Sell Such delinquents Lands for the rates, As Soon as may bee

Also Voted to Build a meetinghouse the Said Township of the Following dimentions viz. forty two feet Long and thirty feet wide twenty feet between Joynts and that the meetinghouse fraim be Raised at or before the Last day of August next And that the Roof be boarded Shingled Weather boards put On the boarding Round well Chamfered the necessary

Doors made and Hung A Double floor lay'd below with all Convenient Speed After the s^d Fraim is up so that it be thus finished by the first of december next And That Eleazer Tyng And Benj^a Tompson Esq^{rs} and Cap^t Jonathan Bowers, or any Two of them be a Com^{tee} fully Impowered in behalf of this Prop^{ty} to Lett. out the S^d work, & in their S^d Capacity to Enter into Bonds or Articles of Agreement for the fullfillment & Compleating the work as afores^d And the Said Com^{tee} Are directed to post up Notifications of the time and place of their meeting to Let out the S^d work in the Several places that notifications Are posted for Calling Prop^{rs} meetings ten days before the S^d Work be let Out

And the S^d Com^{tee} are further Directed in case of an Indian Warr to prolong the time of Building S^d House

Also Voted that the Sum of One Hundred & Eighty pounds be assessed on the Prop^{rs} to be paid Forthwith And that the Same be Collected by M^r William Stickney who is Chosen Collector and Mess^{rs} Joseph Blanchard Sampson Stoddard & Josiah Richardson Chosen assessors who were all Sworne to their respective trnsts before Eleaz^r Tyng Esq^r Jus^{ce} of peace,

Also Voted And Allowed to Jonas Clark Esq^r four pounds for his past Service as Treas^r

The Comittee Appointed to Lay out Roads Reported Reported their proceedings therein And voted not to Accept it

Also Voted And Allowed to M^r John Richardson twelve Shillings for his Service in making the first assessment

Att a meeting of the prop^{rs} of Tyngtownship so Called held at the House of M^r Isaac Farwell in Dnnstable on the twenty fourth day of July 1740

Benj^a Tompson Esq^r was Chosen Moderator

Also Voted that the Comittee for the Prudentials be directed to See that the Sawmil be fitted forthwith According to Contract & On failure, to Sue the Bond Given for that Purpose And to Examin the Prop^{rs} Accompts As voted the last meeting And Report thereon at the next meeting

Also Voted That Joseph Blanchard Esq^r be Directed to Apply to Some Gentleman Learned in the Law for Advice what is best to be done in the Present Circumstances of this Prop^{ry} And that he be Directed to measure off the Township of Londonderry And Chester so far as to Obtain a Certain knowledge, what Part if Any (the Lines of those towns) According to their Charters Include of said township, And that he be Further directed, to Apply to the Gen^l Court at their next Session if he shall then thiuk it Adviceable for their directions what measures Further to totake, Also to make Such Further Searches into the titles of Any Persons who Lay Any Claim to the Said Township Or Any part thereof As may be tho't necessary and Report thereon

Also Voted that the Charges of Entertainment at M^r Farwells the Present meeting be paid Out of the Produce of the Sales of the delinquents Lotts Already made by the Com^{tee} And that his receipt Discharge them for so much, the whole Account being the Sum of fourteen pounds Seventeen Shillings & three Pence, Eleven Shillings And nine pence whereof Spent by the Com^{tee} for Sale of the Delinquents Lotts at their first meeting for that Service And Voted that this meeting be Adjourned to the 15th day of September next to meet Again At this place At ten of the Clock forenoon And the meeting was Accordingly Adjourned by Benj^a Tompson moderator

Att a meeting of the Prop^{rs} of Tyngs Township so Called, At the house of M^r Isaac Farwell the 15th of September 1740 held by Adjournment from the 24th of July Last past to this time & place Adjourned to M^r Joseph Frenches to meet forthwith & mett accordingly

Wheras the prop^{rs} of this Township being Informed That by the determination of his Maj^{ty} in Council respecting the Controverted Bounds between the Province of the Massachusetts Bay And New Hampshire, This Township is Excluded from the Province of the Massachusetts Bay to which they always Supposed themselves to belong Therefore Voted that A Petition be Preferred to the Kings most Excelent Majesty Setting forth Our distressed Estate, And praying that we may be Annexed to the S^d Massachusetts Province And that Thomas Hutchinson Esq^r be And hereby is fully Impowered to Preferr Such Our Petition to his Maj^{ty} And to Appear And fully to Act for And

in behalf of the Inhabitants And Prop^{rs} of this township Respecting the Subject Matter of S^d Petition According to his best Discretion

Also Voted that Eleaz^r Tyng Joseph Blanchard and William Lawrence Esq^{rs} be Impowered in behalf of this township to Sign a Petition to his Maj^{ty} As afores^d

Also Voted that the Com^{tee} for Building the Meetinghouse be directed to See that the Meetinghouse be raised and Inclosed According to the former Vote Respecting the Same At or before the Last day of June next.

Also Voted that this meeting be Adjourned to the twenty fifth of September Curr^t at ten of the Clock in the forenoon to this place

Also Voted that. the Prop^{rs} be at no Charge at the Adjournment Except it be Out of y^e Charges in the Sale of the Delinquents Lotts, And the Moderator Adjourned the Meeting Accordingly

RAISE MONEY FOR PREACHING.

At A meeting of the Prop^{rs} of Tyngs town began & held at Dunstable the 24th of July 1740 and Continued by Several Adjournments to the 25th of Sep^r 1740 mett Again at the House of M^r Joseph French in Dunstable And Adjourned to tomorrow nine of the Clock forenoon

Mett Again Accordingly And Voted that notwithstanding Anything in the foregoing votes, that the Said Agent be not paid Any thing from this Prop^{ty} And the S^d Petition to be Preferred On No Other Conditions Than by what the Province has or shall grant to forward the Same

The Expences at this Meeting at M^r Jo^s Frenches Amounting to fourteen pounds fifteen Shillings & nine pence be Allowed & paid

Then voted that this meeting be Adjourned to the 28th of October next to meet At the House of Jonas Clark Esq^r in Chelmsford at ten of the Clock forenoon And the Moderator Adjourned the Meeting Accordingly

Att A meeting of the Prop^{rs} of Tyngs Township Begun and held at Dunstable on the 24th of July 1740 And Continued by Several Adjournments untill the 28th of October 1740, And Agreeable thereunto. mett at the house of Jonas Clark Esq^r in Chelmsford And Voted that Wheras Cap^t Caleb Blodget at the Order of this Propriety had Attended the Service of Laying Out Hyways in S^d Township that he be allowed for his Service therein the Sum of three pounds

Also Voted that the treas^r be Directed to pay to M^r Benja Bowers for his Preaching in Tyngs Town Thirty two Pounds of the first money that Comes into the treasury

Also Voted that the Treas^r pay to M^r Dunlap Thirteen pounds Fifteen Shillings For his Service in Preaching ins^d Township

Then Voted that this meeting be Adjourned to the 16th of December next to this Place ten of the Clock forenoon. And the Moderator Adjourned it Accordingly

At w^{ch} Adjoument the Prop^{rs} did not meet

VOTE NOT TO HAVE A CLERK.

Att a meeting of the Prop^{rs} of Tyngstownship held At Dunstable At the House of M^r Joseph French in Dunstable On the 16th day of April 1741

Capt Josiah Richardson was Chosen moderator

And Voted that Joseph Blanchard Eleazer Tyng & Will^m Lawrence Esq^r should be a Com^{tee} to treat with the towns of Chester and Londonderry referring to the lines between Tyngs town & them towns Also Voted that the Com^{tee} have a Discretionary Power in making Agreement with their Com^{tees} or Towns and make report at the next meeting of the Prop^{rs} thereon

Also Voted that meetings shall be held for the future at The house of Jonas Clark Esq^r in Chelmsford untill the Prop^{rs} Shall Alter the Same

Also Voted that the Prop^{rs} shall pay the Expence of this meeting, And that each Prop^r that pays his Cash now shall be Reimbursed the Same by the Prop^{aty} out of the Treas^{ry}

Also Voted that this meeting shall be Adjourned to the House of Jonas Clark Esq^r in Chelmsford the Second Thirsday of may next And Accordingly Adjourned there According to w^{ch} Adjournment met again On the fourteenth day of may 1741 And Put to vote whether the Prop^{rs} of Tyngs Township would Choose a Com^{tee} for their Prudentials & it Passed in the Negative

Also Whether they would Choose a prop^{rs} Clark and it passed in the Negative

Also Voted that Eleazer Tyng W^m Lawrence & Joseph Blanchard be Allowed forty Shillings Each for their Journeys to Chester and Londonderry to treat with their Comittees

Also That Michael M^c Clinto be Allowed twenty five Shillings for assisting in Runing London Derry Line To Tyngs Town Also Voted to Reconsider the vote of Holding meetings at Coll^l Clarks & Voted that the next meeting be held at Tyng Town the third tuesday of June Next at the meeting house place & that after that meetings Should be held at Coll^l Clarks for the future untill the Prop^{rs} Shall Alter the Same & then the meeting was Dismissed

At a meeting of the Prop^{rs} of Tyngs Township held in S^d township at the House of William M^c Clinto's the 16th day of June 1741

The Rev^d M^r Tho^s Parker was Chosen Moderator

Also by Enquiry Respecting the Ace^{os} Cap^t Josiah Richardson is behalf of y^c Com^{tee} Appointed for that purpose Reported, that About the Sum of One Hundred and twenty pounds

When the taxes Already Voted was paid, Lay Ballance in favour of the Prop^{ty} Excepting What Accompts has not yet been passed by this Prop^{ty}

Also Voted that Eleaz^r Tyng Will^m Lawrence & Joseph Blanchard Esq^{rs} Or Any two of them be fully Impowered to meet with the Com^{tee} of Chester and Londonderry And Propose Such matters And Agree to the Same As they shall think most Conducive to the Interest & peace of Each Prop^{ty}s And provided nothing be Agreed on by the S^d Severall Propriety^s for delay of the tryal of the title of S^d Lands Then that the S^d Committee be Joyntly And Severally Impowered to Sue & Defend in all matters And Causes Whatsoever that may Concern or Effect Any Prop^r or the Prop^{ty} in S^d township at the Charge of this Prop^{ty}, if the Com^{tee} Should think best

Also Voted that the Sum of twenty pounds be Allowed the Com^{tee} for the Bridges to Enable them to pay for the Bridge Over great Cohass, And twenty four Shillings for a Bridge Over Linkfield Brook And the Sum of ten Pounds Allowed to Michael & William M^c Clinto's for the Bridge Over Greate Cohass And the Meeting Adjourned till to morrow morning Eight of the Clock at the meeting house place & the meeting Was Opened at the S^d meeting house place Accordingly, & Voted that the Expences at Will^m M^c Clinto's be paid by the Prop^{ry} & those Persons who now Advance the money to be Allowed the Same by the Prop^{rs} which charges was as Follow's

For horses One pound ten Shillings	£1	10	0
for drink thee pounds Seven Shillings & ten ^d	3	7	10

paid in the Following Manner

by Cap ^t Lawrence	-	-	£1	10	0
Mr Tho ^s Parker	-	.	1	0	0
Cap ^t Josiah Richardson			0	5	0
Mr Peter Russell	-	-	0	10	0
Cap ^t Caleb Blodget		-	1	0	0
By Joseph Blanchard			0	12	10

Then The meeting was Adjourned to meet Again At the House of Mr Sam^l Moor in Litchfield to morrow. morning, Seven of the Clock, And mett Accordingly And Voted that Wheras the Saw mill in S^d Township is not finished to Saw as was Expected & Covenanted for wherby the finishing the meetinghouse is under great Disadvantage & must be much more Expensive to Robert Anderson who is Oblidged to finish the Same At or before the last day of June Currant, and that he might not be a Sufferer by the Neglect of the finishing the S^d mill nor Exposed to Imediate prosecution Therefore that the S^d Anderson have Liberty further to delay to finish the S^d House as Covenanted for if Completed At Or before the last day of November next

And Wheras it freequently Happens those prop^{rs} of this township that from time to time have Attended Prop^{rs} meetings by Reason of their living remote from the places of holding the Same Are put to Considerable Expence in time & travil And Usually Oblidged to Advance money for Carrying forward the Prop^{rs} necessary Affairs, while Others many times to Save themselves from Such Expensive (tho necessary) Journeys — do not Attend, And neglect to pay their Rates by means wherof the Bringing forward the Settlement of this Plantation is much Retarded And it Appearing Necessary that Such meetings should Still be held and more General Attendance Given And the Assessments more Punctnally paid And that each Prop^r more Equally do his part in Bringing forward the Settlement for Encouragement wherof Unanimously voted That each Prop^r who has Attended this present meeting by himself Or Attorney Also those who shall Attend meetings for the future, be Allowed And paid Out of the Publick treas^r of this Prop^{ty} the Sum of twenty Shillings $\frac{2}{3}$ day for his travil and Attendance for Each Sixty third part of said Township or whole share and so in proportion for a greater or less Right he shall be duly Authorized to Act for, which Acc^{os} to be Approved of by the Prop^{rs} the Same meetings they shall Attend Always Provided Such Prop^r or Attorney do at the Same Meeting pay the proper taxes due on Such Right or Share he shall so Appear for, or give Such Security for the Seasonable payment thereof As the Prop^{rs} at said meeting Shall Accept And On No Other Condi-

tions Whatsoever This vote to remain And be inforce during the Pleasure of this Prop^{ty} And No Longer

Also Voted that there be assessed On this Prop^{ty} the Sum of three Hundred Pounds and — — — — were Chosen Assessors And Cap^t Caleb Blodget Collect^r

Also Voted that Joseph Blanchard be directed to Examin into the Acc^{os} of the Prop^{rs} And Lay a Particular Acco^t of the treasury before the Prop^{ty}

Also Voted that Cap^t William Lawrence be directed & desired to Receive Such money as is due to the treas^r both for the former Rates And the three Pounds Rate Granted at this meeting And to Receive Security in trust for this Prop^{ty} of Such present as Cannot pay their money, And Such Security to be Accepted & Their Rates be discharged thereupon

Also Voted that Cap^t William Lawrence be the treas^r of this Prop^{ty} And be directed to pay Out No part of the money by him Rec^d but what he shall have Certificate for from the Prop^{rs} Clerk that the Same has been Allowed by the Prop^{rs} And Not discharged & proper receipt for money so Paid by him to be his discharge for so much

Also Voted Provided Any person (who Shall at this time give Any note or Other Security for payment of his Taxes) shall neglect to make payment therof Longer than the last day of July next That he Immediately Sue for Such Debts And that And that he be Accomtable to this Prop^{ty} Therefor

Also on A motion of Cap ^t Benj ^a Tompson			
Voted to Allow him the Sum of One			
pound twelve Shillings fo Service in			
letting Out the meeting house	1	12	0
more for three days Service Examining			
Acc ^{os} of the treas ^r - -	1	10	0
Also Allowed to Cap ^t Thomas Tarble for			
Service done in Letting out the Bridge			
Over great Cohass And Linkfield Brook	2	8	6

EXPENSE OF RAISING A MEETING HOUSE.

Also Allowed to Sundry Persons for Provisions & Drink at the
Raising the meetinghouse the Sums Following,

To Joseph Blanchard for Rum & Provi- sions	2	15	3
To the Rev ^d Mr Thomas Parker	2	0	0
To Sam ^l Colburn	1	11	6
To Cap ^t John Colburn - -	1	16	0
To Jonathan Chamberlain for a Salmon	0	4	6
To Archebald Stark for a Salmon	0	9	0
To William Tarble	£0	6	0
To Peter Russell -	0	13	6
To Henry Farwell & Joshua Converse	0	15	6
To Benjamin Thompson Esq	1	1	0
To Cap ^t Thomas Tarble .	1	6	11
To Cap ^t William Lawrence	1	16	3
To Cap ^t Jon ^a Bowers	0	18	6
To Cap ^t Josiah Richardson	1	17	0
To the Rev ^d Willard Hall -	1	0	0
Stephen Peirce - -	0	6	0
Had of William Mc Clinto for Raising 6 g ^l s of Rhum at 18s $\frac{3}{4}$ G ^l @ -	5	8	0

CHAPTER IV.

LOCATION AND DESCRIPTION OF LOTS.

The Lotts Drawn by Joseph Butterfield in Tyngs Township So Called.

N^o Six in the first Range. N^o 12 in the fourth Range N^o 63 in the third Range N^o 60 in the fourth Range. N^o 2 ameadow Lott, on great Cohass.

Number Six in the first Range Bounded as followeth Beginning at the River at a Stake. thence East to the Range line to a Stake thence north 25 d^s east 60 Rods to apine thence west to the River to a Stake thence South by the River to the first bounds. w^{ch} lot Contains Ninety Acres and is three Quarters of a mile in length

N^o Twelve in the fourth Range Contains one hundred and five Acres Bounded thus Beginning at the Northwest Corner at A Stake from thence runing South twenty One degrees west Sixty Rods by the Range line to apine tree marked from thence east 4 deg^s South to the township line by Lott N^o 11 to a Black Oake from thence North 24 d^s east Sixty Rods by The Township line to a Stake and Stones Sixty Rods from thence west 4 d^s N. by Lot N^o 13 to the first Mentioned Bounds.

The lott N^o Sixty in the fourth Range Contains one hundred and five Acres. Bounded thus beginning at apine marked from thence runing South 25 deg^s West Sixty Rods by the range line to apine thence East by Lott N^o 59 to the township line to apine from thence North by S^d line Sixty Rods to apine Thence west by Lott N^o 61 : to y^e first bounds mentioned

The Meadow lott. N^o 2 on Great Cohass Contains Sixteen Acres and is the Second lot. from the lower end on the South Side the Northwest Corner is a white Oake the North east Corner is a Stake by the Brook then runing up the brook to an

Other stake from thence Southerly to a White Oake thence westerly to a Stake thence northerly to the first mentioned bounds.

The lotts Drawn by Cap^t Henry Farwell in Tyngs township so called, are as followeth

Number Seven in the first Range Number eighteen in the fourth Range Number Sixty two in the Second Range. Number eight in the third Range North of Cohass, Number three ameadow Lott. on Great Cohass.

The Lott. N^o 7 in the first Range Contaius ninety Acres, and is bounded as followeth

Begining at a Small Black Oake the Corner of Rands farm thence by the River Sixty Rods to a Stake from thence East by Lott. N^o 6 to y^e range line from thence Northerly to the Pine tree the Corner of Rands farm thence west Six deg^s South by Rands line to the first bounds mentioned.

The lott. N^o Eighteen in the fourth Range Contains ninety one Acres, and is Bounded thus. Begining at a Stake in the Range line from thence South twenty One deg^s west Sixty Rods to a white Oake from thence East four degrees South by lott. N^o 17: to y^e township line from thence North ten deg^s east Sixty Rods to a pine in S^d line from thence west four degrees North by lot. N^o 19. to y^e first mentioned bounds.

Number eight in the third Range Contains one hundred & and twenty three Acres. Bounded thus begining at apine marked in the Range line from thence runing South four and anhalf d^s west Sixty rods to a pine from thence east four degrees South by lott. No. 7 to y^e fourth Range line thence North 4½ d^s East Sixty Rods to the Bounded by the range line thence west four degrees north by Lott. N^o 9 to the first mentioned bounds.

The meadow Lott. N^o 3 Contains ten Acres thirty eight pereh

The Lotts Drawn by John Richardson are as followeth N^o nine in the first Range N^o 52 in the Second Range N^o ten in the fourth Range N^o 29 in the third Range N^o 4 ameadow Lott. On Great Cohass.

The lott Number nine in the first Range Contains One hundred and Sixteen Acres Bounded thus Westerly by merrimack River Begining at apine from thence east by lot N^o 8 to the Rand line to a stak and Stones from thence North $4\frac{1}{2}$ deg^s east Sixty Rods to a Stake and Stones bounded by the range line : from thence west by Lott. N^o 10. to a Red Oake at the River. thence by the river to the first mentioned Bounds.

N^o 52 in the Second Range contains eighty two Acres and one hundred and forty pole Bounded Thus Begining at apine tree marked from thence Runing East by lot. N^o 51 to a Stake and Stones in the range line from thence north Sixty Rods by the Range line to a Black Oake thence west by lott Number 53. to a Stake and Stones thence South by the Range line to where It. began.

N^o ten in the fourth Range Contains ninety four Acres and is Bounded thus Begining at awhite Oake bush from thence east 4 d^s South by lott N^o 11 to the Townshipline from thence by the township line South 24 d^s west Sixty Rods to a Stake and Stones from thence west 4 d^s North by Lott. N^o 9 to the Range line at a Black Oake from thence North 2^{ds} east Sixty Rods by the Range line to y^e first Bounds mentioned.

N^o 29 in the third Range Contains Ninety Acres Bounded thus Begining at an heap of stones thence runing East nine degrees South by lott N^o 28 to apine tree in the Range line thence North twenty five degrees east. Sixty Rods to an heap of Stones from thence West nine degrees North by lot N^o 30 to apine tree jn y^e Range line thence South 25 degrees west Sixty Rods by the Range line thence to the first bounds mentioned.

The Lotts Drawn by. Cap^t William Lawrence in Tyngs Township so called, are as Followeth

- N^o 10 in the first Range below Namaskeeg
- N^o 53 in the Second Range
- N^o 7 in the fourth Range
- N^o 30 in the third Range

The lot N^o 20 in the first Range Contains One hundred and Two Acres and bounded as Followeth Begining at a Red Oake tree by Merrinack River from thence east by Lott. N^o 29 to a

Stake and Stones in y^e Range line from thence north $4\frac{1}{2}$ deg^s east Sixty Rods to a Stake and Stones in y^e said line from thence west by Lott. N^o 11 To a Black Oake at the River so by the River to y^e first bounds

The lott. fifty three in the Second Range Contains eighty two Acres 140 perch and is Bounded thus Begining at a Red Oake from thence east by Lott. N^o 52 to a red oake marked in y^e range line from thence north by the S^d line Sixty Rods to an heap of Stones from thence West by Lot N^o 54. to an ash tree in y^e Range line from thence South Sixty Rods to y^e first bounds mentioned

The lott N^o 7 in the fourth Range Contains one hundred and Twenty Acres. and is bound thus Begining at a Stake and Stones from thence runing east 4 d^s South by Lott. N^o 8 to the Township line at an heap of Stones from thence South 30 d^s west by S^d line Sixty Rods to a Black Oake from thence West 4 degrees north by Lott. No. 6. to a White Oake in the range line from thence north 40 d^s east By the Range line Sixty Rods to where we began

The lot N^o thirty in the third Range Contains one hundred and Sixteen acres Bounded thus Begining at apine tree in the range line from thence east nine degrees South by Lott. 31 to an heap of Stones in the range line from thence South 25^{ds} west by the Range line Sixty Rods to apine marked from thence West nine degrees North by Lott. N^o 29 to apine in the Range line from thence North 25^{ds} East by y^e Range line Sixty Rods to y^e first bounds

The Lotts Drawn by Nathaniel Woods in Tyngs Township are as Followeth

N^o 12. in the first Range

N^o 11 in the third range north of Cohass

N^o 1. in the fourth Range

N^o 47 in the third Range

The lott. N^o 12 in the first Range Contains Seventy Six Acres Bounded thus begining at awhite Oake from thence east by Lott. N^o 11 to a Stake in the Range line from thence north $4\frac{1}{2}$ East Sixty Rods by the range line to a stake from thence west by Lott N^o 13 to apine at Merrinack River thence by the River to y^e first bounds mentioned Sixty Rods

The lott. N^o 11 in the third Range north of great Cohass Contains One hundred & Eleven Acres Bounded thus Begining at a Stake and Stones in the range line from thence Runing East 4 d^s South by Lott N^o 12 to an heap of Stones in the Range line from thence South 4½ d^s west Sixty Rods to a pine in the Range line from thence west 4 d^s north by lott. N^o 10 to a pine in y^e Range line from thence north 4½ d^s east Sixty Rods by the Range line to where we began

The lot Number one in the fourth Range Contains acres and is Bounded thus Beginning at a

The Lotts in Tyngs Township (soCalled) Drawn by Jonathan Shepley and Zachariah Hildreth are as Followeth

N^o 16. in the first Range

N^o 15 in the third Range north of Cohass.

N^o 6. in the fourth Range

N^o 59 in the fourth Range

N . 6 ameadow Lott.

The lott. N^o 16 in the first Range Contains Seventy Acres and is Bounded thus Southerly by the Land reserved for the Province at Namaskeeg falls Westerly by the River Northerly by lot N^o 17 and Easterly by the Range line begining at apine by y^e River thence East to y^e Range line thence North Sixty Rods by the Range line to y^e lott. N^o 17: then west by N^o 17 to Merrimack River

The lott. N^o 15 in the third Range north of great Cohass Contains One hundred and Eleven Acres Bounded thus begining at a Stake and Stones from thence east 4 d^s South by Lott. N^o 16: to a Stake and Stones in the Range line from thence South 4½ de^s west Sixty Rods by the Range line to an heap of Stoucs from thence West 4 d^s North by the lot N^o 14 to a Stake and Stones in the Range line from thence North 4½ d^s East Sixty Rods by the Range line to y^e first mentioned bounds

The Lott. N^o 6 in the fourth Range Contains one hundred and four Acres Bounded thus begining at a White Oake in the Range line from thence runing East 4 d^s South by Lott N^o 7 to a Red Oake in the townshipline from thence South 37 d^s W. Sixty Rods by the township line to a Stake and Stones from

thence West 4^{ds} north by Lott. N^o 5 to a Stake and Stones in the Range Line from thence North 40^{ds} East by the Range line to the first mentioned Bounds.

the Lott. N^o 59 in the fourth Range Contains one hundred and fifteen Acres Bounded thus Begining at apine marked from thence East by Lot 60. to apine in the township line thence South Sixty Rods by the township line to A Pine tree marked thence west by Lot. N^o 58 to an heap of Stones in the Range line from thence North 25 d^s east by the Range line to y^e first bounds mentioned

The meadow Lott. N^o 6. on great Cohass. Contains Acres And Lyeth ony^e Southerly Side the Brook Bounded as Followeth

The Lotts in Tyngs Township so Called Drawn by the Hon. Will^m Dudley Esq^r are as Followeth

N^o 17 in the first Range

N^o 13 in the third Range North of Cohass

N^o 19. in the fourth Range

N^o 68. in the fourth Range

The lot. N^o 17 in the first Range Contains Seventy Acres and is Bounded thus Begining at Merrimack River at a Pine thence East by y^e lot N^o 16. to y^e Range line thence North 4½ d^s east By the range line Sixty Rods to Co^l Dudley's Farm soCalled from thence west by S^d Farm to Merrimack River thence Southerly by Said River to where we began

The lott. N^o 13 in the third Range above greatCohas Contains One hundred and Eleven Acres Bound thus Begining at a Stake and Stones from thence east 4^{ds} South by Lott. N^o 14 to an heap of Stones in the Range line thence South 4½ deg^s west Sixty Rods by the Range Line to a stake from thence West 4 d^s north. by the lot. N^o 12: to a Stake And Stones in the Range line thence North 4½^{ds} East Sixty Rods by the Range line to the first bounds Mentioned.

The lot N^o 19 in the fourth Range Contains eighty four Acres Bound thus Begining at amaple tree in the range line from thence Runing East 4^{ds} South by Lott. N^o 20 to a Black Oake in y^e Township line thence South 10 d^s west by S^d line

Sixty Rods to a Stake and Stones from thence west 4^{ds} north by the lot N^o 18. to a Stake and Stones in y^e Range line thence north 5^{ds} east 60 Rods to the first Bounds Mentioned

The Lott. N^o 68 in the fourth Range Contains Ninety Acres Bounded thus Begining at a Stake in the Range line thence runing east by lot N^o 67. to the township line thence North 9^{ds} west Sixty Rods by the Township line to apine thence West by Lott. N^o 69 to y^e Range line to a Stake thence South by the range line Sixty Rods to y^e first bounds mentioned

The Meadow lott. N^o 7 on great Cohass Contains

The Lotts in Tyngs Township (soCalled) drawn by Jonathan Hartwell Are as Followeth

N^o 2 in the first Range North of Col^l Dudley's Farm

N^o 37 in the Second Range

N^o 5 in the third Range north of Cohass

N^o 69 in the fourth Range

the Lott. N^o 2 in the first Range north of Col. Dudley's Farm Contains Ninety three Acres Bounded thus Begining at apine tree marked on y^e Banck of y^e River thence east by Lott. N^o 2. to y^e Range line to a Stake and Stones, thence North twenty five degrees east Sixty Rods to a Black Oake thence west by the lot N^o three to a pine at the River thence By the River to the first bounds.

The Lot N^o 37. in the Second Range Contains Sixty Acres Bounded thus Begining at a Stake in y^e line of Col. Dudley's Farm thence East by the Lott. N^o 36. to a Stake and Stones in the range line thence North 25^{ds} east by S^d line Sixtytwo Rods to a Black Oake thence west by ye Lott. N^o 38. to a pine Bush in ye line of Coll. Dudley's Farm thence South South Sixty Rods to the first Bounds

The Lott N^o 5 in the third Range north of Cohass Contains One hundred and Sixteen acres Bounded Thus Begining at a stake the corner of y^e training field thence Runing East 4^d South by Lott No. 4. to the Range line to apine marked thence North 4½ East Sixty Rods to apine in y^e range line thence west 4 d^s North by the lot N^o 6 : to an ash in the Range line marked thence South 4½ d^s west Sixty Rods to the first . Mentioned Bounds

The Lott. N^o 69 in the fourth Range Contains

Jonathan Richardson Drawed the following Lotts in Tyngs Township soCalled

N^o 1. north of Coll. Dudley's Farm in y^e 1st Range

N^o 36. in the second Range

N^o 14 in the third Range north ^o of Cohass

N^o 77. in the fourth Range

The lot N^o 1 in the first Range above Coll Dudley's Farm Contains one hundred and ten acres and is bounded thus Begining at apine tree by Merrimack River from thence east by Col. Dudleys farm to his Northeast Corner A White Oake from thence North 25 d^s east Sixty tworods by the Range line to a

White Oake from thence west by the Lot N^o 2 to apine by Merrimack River thence by the River to the first Bounds mentioned

The Lott N^o 36 in the Second Range Contains Sixty Acres Bounded thus Begining at a Stake from thence Runing east by Lot N^o 35. to apine tree in the Range Line thence North 25 d^s east Seventy Rods to a Stake and Stones thence west by the Lot N^o 37. to a Stake in the line of Coll Dudley's Farm thence South by his Line to the first Bounds.

The Lott. N^o 14 in the third Range north of Cohass Contains one hundred and Eleven Acres Bounded thus Begining at a Stake And Stones from thence East 4 d^s South by Lots N^o 15 : to a Stake and Stones in the range Line from thence South 4½ d^s West Sixty Rods to a Stake thence west 4 d^s north by the lot N^o 13. to a Stake and Stones in the Range Line thence North 4½ d^s east by the range line Sixty Rods to ye first Bounds

The Lott. N^o 77 in the fourth range Contains

The Lotts in Tyngs Township Drawn by Jonas Clark Esq^s are as Followeth

N^o 3 in the first Range

N^o 11 in the fourth Range

N^o 23 in the third Range north of Cohass

N^o 70 in the fourth Range

N^o 8 ameadow Lott. on Great Cohass

The Lott. N^o 3 in the first Range Contains Ninety Acres and is Bounded thus Begining at apine tree by Merrimack River from thence Runing east by the lot N^o 2. to the range line to apine from thence North 30^{ds} east Sixty three Rods to a Stake from thence west by the lot. N^o 4 to apine by the River thence South by the River Sixty three Rods to y^e first mentioned Bounds •

The Lott. N^o 11 in the fourth Range Contains one hundred And One Acres Bounded Thus begining At an Oake Bush from thence running from thence Runing east 4^{ds} South by Lott. N^o 10. to a Black Oake in the townshipline from thence North 24^{ds} east Sixty Rods by the S^d line to a Red Oake from thence west 4^{ds} North by the Lott. N^o 12 to a pine from thence South 21^{ds} west Sixty rods to the first Bounds

The Lott. N^o 23 in the third Range North of Cohass Contains Ninety Acres and is Bounded Thus Begining at a Stake and Stones in y^e rangeline from thence runing east twelve degrees South by the Lott. N^o 24 to a Stake in y^e Range line from thence South 25^{ds} West Sixty Rods to a Stake and Stones from thence west 12^{ds} north by the lott. N^o 22 to a Stake and Stones in the Range line thence North 25^{ds} east Sixty Rods by the Range line to the first Bounds

The Lott. N^o 70 in the fourth range contains

The Meadow lott. N^o 8 on great Cohass

The lotts Drawn by Eben^r Spalding in Tyngs Township (soCalled) are as Followeth

N^o 2. in the first Range

N^o 1 in the first Range

N^o 25 in the third Range

N^o 71 in the fourth Range

N^o 9 ameadow Lott. on Great Cohass

The lotts. N^o 2. & N^o 1 in the first range Lye together and Contain two Hundred And Ninety Acres Bounded thus Begin-
ing at Merrimack River at a pine from thence runing east. by
the Lott. N^o 3. to apine at the range line from thence by the
range Line South westerly to a Small pine by Litchfield line

from thence North twenty two and an half Degrees west by Litchfield line to a pine at y^e River thence North 60 Rods to y^e first bounds mentioned

The Lott. 25 in the third Range Contains Ninety Acres Bounded thus Begining at a Red Oake from thence east twelve degrees South by the lot N^o 26. to a Red Oake in the Range line from thence South 25 ^{dgs} West Sixty Rods by the Range line to a Stake and Stones from thence west 12 ^{ds} North by the lott. N^o 24 to apine in the range line from thence North 25 ^{ds} east. Sixty rods by the range line to y^e first mentioned Bounds

The Lotts Drawn in Tyngs Township (soCalled) by Tho^s Lund's Right Are as followeth

N^o 7 in the Second Range

N^o 50 in the Second Range

N^o 41 in the third Range

N^o 55 in the fourth Range

The lot N^o 7 in the Second Range Contains One hundred and Eleven Acres Bounded as Followeth Begining at a Stake at the range line from thence Runing East thirty Six degrees South by the Lot N^o 8 to apine tree Marked thence North forty ^{ds} east one hundred And twenty Rods by the range line to awhite pine marked from thence West twenty two degrees North by the lot N^o 6 to a Stake in the range Line thence by the Range line South 35 ^{ds} west to the first Mentioned bounds

The lot N^o 50 in the Second Range Contains eighty two Acres and is Bounded thus Begining at a Stake in the Range Line and thence east by the Lott. N^o 49 to a Stake and Stones in the Range line thence north Sixty Rods by the range line to apine thence west by the lot N^o 51 to apine in the Range line thence South by the Range line Sixty Rods to the first bounds mentioned

The Lot N^o 41 in the third Range Contains one hundred and Sixteen Acres Bounded thus Begining at apine from thence east by the lot 40 to a Stake in the range Line Thence north by the range line Sixty Rods to an heap of Stones thence west by the lot N^o 42. to apine in the range line thence South by the Range line Sixty rods to the first Mentioned bounds

The Lott. N^o 55 in the fourth Range Contains one hundred and fifty five Acres Bounded thus begining at a white pine thence runing east 7^{ds} South by the lot N^o 56. to a pine in the township line thence South 25^{ds} west Sixty Rods by the S^d line to a pine Thence West 7^{ds} north by the lot N^o 54. to a Black Oake in the Range line Thence North 25^{ds} east Sixty Rods to the first Mentioned Bounds

The lotts Drawn by M^r Andrew Belcher in Tyngs Township are as Followeth

N^o 8. in the Second Range

N^o 12 in the third Range

N^o 42 in the third Range

N^o 56 in the fourth Range

The Lot N^o 8 in the Second Range Contains eighty two Acres and is Bounded thus Begining at a Stake from thence East thirty Six degrees South by the lot N^o 7. to a pine thence South 40^{ds} west Sixty Rods to a Stake thence West thirty six d^s north by the lot N^o 9 to a Stake in the range line thence Northeasterly by the Range line to the first mentioned Bounds

The lot N^o 12 in the third Range Contains one hundred And One Acres Bounded thus Begining at a Stake from thence east nineteen degrees South by the lot N^o 11. to a Stake in the range line thence South 40^{ds} west Sixty Rods by y^e range line to a Stake thence West 36^{ds} north by the lot N^o 13 to a pine in the range line thence North 40^{ds} east Sixty Rods by the Range line to the first bounds

The lot N^o 42 in the third Range Contains one hundred and fifteen acres Bounded thus Begining at a pine thence east by the lot N^o 41 to a Stake in the Range Line thence North Sixty Rods by the range line to a stake thence west by the Lot N^o 43 to the Range line at a stake thence South Sixty Rods by S^d line to y^e first Bounds mentioned

The Lot. N^o 56 in the fourth Range Contains One hundred And thirty nine Acres Bounded thus Begining at a white pine thence east seven degrees South by the lot N^o 55 to a pine tree in the townshipline thence North 25^{ds} east Sixty Rods by S^d line to a white Oake thence West Six degrees North by the Lot N^o 57 to y^e Range line at a Black Oake thence south 25^{ds} west by S^d range line to the first Bounds

The Lotts in Tyngs Township soCalled Drawn by the Rev^d Mr^{es} Tho^s Parker and Will^m Read are as Followeth

N^o 5 in the Second Range
 N^o 13 in the third Range
 N^o 40 in the third Range
 N^o 57. in the fourth Range

The Lot N^o 5 in the Second Range Contains one hundred and two Acres Bounded thus Begining at a stake from thence Runing east twenty two degrees South by the lot N^o 6. to a white pine in the Range line thence Runing North 21^{ds} east by the Range line Sixty five Rods to amaple thence west 22^{ds} north by the lot N^o 4. to a pine in the range line thence South 35^{ds} west Sixty five rods by the range line to where we began

The lot N^o 13 in the 3^d Range Contains one hundred And One Acres Bounded thus Begining at apine in the Range Line thence Runing east 36^{ds} South by the Lot N^o 12. to a stake in the range line thence South 40^{ds} West by the Range line Sixty Rods to a Stake & Stones thence runing West thirty Six degrees north by the lot N^o 14 to apine thence North 40^{ds} east by the range line to y^e first mentioned Bounds

The lot N^o 57 in the fourth Range Contains One hundred and nine Acres Bounded thus begining at a Black Oake from thence east Six^{ds} South by the lot N^o 56. to awhite Oake in the township line Thence North 13^{ds} east by S^d line Sixty rods to awhite Burch thence west 6^{ds} north by the Lott N^o 58 to apine in the range line thence South 25^{ds} west by the Range line Sixty Rods to where we began

The Lott. N^o 40 in the third Range Contains one hundred and Sixteen Acres Bounded thus Begining at apine thence Runing east by y^e lot N^o 39 to a Stake in the range line thence Runing North Sixty Rods by the Range line to a stake thence Runing West by the lot 41 to apine in the Range line thence runing South by S^d line Sixty Rods to where we began

The Meadow Lott. N^o 10 Contains

The lotts in Tyngs Township (soCalled) drawn by Jonathan Page are as Followeth

N^o 12 in the Second Range

N^o 4 in the third Range

N^o 6 in the first Range above Dudley's Farm

N^o 58 in the fourth Range

The Lott. N^o 12 in the Second Range Contains Seventy three Acres Bounded thus begining at a Stake Runing east by the lot N^o 11 to a pine thence Northerly by the range line Sixty five Rods to a pine thence west by the lot N^o 13 to the Range line a pine marked thence South by the range line to y^e first mentioned bounds

The Lot N^o 4 in the third Range Contains one Hundred and twenty one acres Bounded thus begin in at a Stake and Stones from thence Runing East 13^{ds} South by the lot N^o 3. to a Stake thence South 21^{ds} west eighty Rods to amaple thence west 19^{ds} N. by the lot N^o 5. to a pine thence North 21^{ds} east by the range line to where we began

The lot N^o 6. in the first Range Above Dudley's Farm Contains Seventyfive Acres. Bounded thus Begining at the River at apine thence east by the lot N^o 5 to a Stake thence North 60 rods by the Range Line to a Stake thence west by the lot N^o 7 to apine at the River soby the River to where we began

The Lott 58 in the fourth Range Contains one hundred and twenty five Acres Bounded Thus Begining at a Stake and Stones thence rning east Six degrees Southby the lot N^o 57 to a White Oake Bush thence North 13^{ds} east sixty Rods to apine thence west 5^{ds} north by the lot N^o 59 to the Range Line at a pine marked thence South 25^{ds} west Sixty Rods to where we began

The Lotts in Tyngs Township Drawn by Joseph Gnilson Are as Followeth

N^o 13 y^e Second Range

N^o 3 in the third Range

N^o 13 in the first Range above Dudley's Farm

N^o 76 in the fourth Range

The lot N^o 13 in the Second Range Contains Seventy three Acres Bounded thus begining at apine in Rands Line thence east by the lot N^o 12 to a Black Oake tree in the Range line Thence north by the range line Sixty five Rods to a stake Thence west by the lot N^o 14 to a Stake in Rand Line thence Southerly by his farm to where we began

The lot N^o 3 in the third Range Contains Ninety Six Acres Bounded thus Begining at apine tree marked thence Runing east thirteen Deg^s South by Lott N^o 2 to a Stake and Stones in the Range line thence South 21^{ds} west by the Range line Sixty Rods to a Stake and Stones thence West 13^{ds} north by the lot N^o to a Stake and Stones thence thence North 21^{ds} east by the Range line to where we began

The Lot N^o 13 in the first Range above Dudley's Farm Contains eighty Acres Bounded thus Begining at apine tree by the River from thence Runing east by the lot N^o 12. to a Stake and Stones thence North by the Range line Sixty Rods to apine thence west by the lot N^o 14 to an Elm at y^e River thence to where we began¹

ACTION FOR INDEMNITY.

Acquittance & Discharges for The Same Giving & By these Presents Granting unto his Said Attorney full Power & Authority In & Touching the Premises to Sue Arrest Seize Attach Implead Distrain Ejeet Imprison Condemn & to Prosecute & Again to Release & Discharge & also On all Needfull Occasions In & Touching any of the Premises to appear & the Person of the S^d Constituent to Represent as Demandant or Defend^t In any Court or Courts With Power To Substitute one or more Attorney or Attorneys under him & the Same at Pleasure to Revoke And Generally In & Concerning all the Prem^s to Say Transact & Accomplish all that shall be Requisite & Convenient as fully & Effectually as the S^d Constituent himself might or Could Do if Personally Present he hereby Promising to hold & Ratify for Good & Valid Whatsoever his Said Attorney their Substitutes Shall Lawfully Do or Canse To be Done In or about the Premises By Virtue of these Presents In Witness Whereof the S^d Constituent hath here-

¹ Several leaves of the record book which doubtless contained the description of the remaining lots, have been torn out, so this part of the records is left incomplete, and the following matters begins toward its close

unto Set his hand & Seal the Day & Year first above Written
 W^m Thompson (Seal)
 Sealed & Delivered (Being first
 Duly Stampd) In Presence of
 W^m Hopkins
 James Monk

(Seal) In Testimoniam Novitatis

Anthony Wright Not Esqre Pubc
 1746

Copy Ex^d of Jon^a Blanchard

By this Publick

We Andrew Oliver & William Phillips within Written
 Do hereby Substitute Joseph Blanchard of Dunstable In the
 Province of New Hampshire Esq Attorney to the Within
 Named William Thompson of Elsham In the County of Lin-
 coln Esq^r In the Name & for thethe of the s^d Constituent to
 Demand Sue for Recover & Receive of & from all any or
 Every Person or Persons Whom it may Concern all Such Sums
 of money Goods & Things Whatsoever Due or Belonging to
 the Said Constituent from any Person Whatsoever In the Pro-
 vince of New Hampshire on What Acco^t or By What Reason or
 means So ever Together With all Costs Damages & Interests
 & to that End to Settle & Adjust all Acco^{ts} With Whomsoever
 it may Concern In the Province aforesaid & the Ballance
 thereof to Receive & Give Discharges Accordingly

Witness our hands & Seals this 26th Day of August anno
 Domini 1756 & In the 29th y^r of his Majesty Reign

Signed Sealed & Delivered And^w Oliver (Seal)
 In Presence of us W^m Phillips (Seal)
 Benjamin Lincoln
 Daniel Hubbard

Boston 26th August 1756

Suffolk Ss.

Hon^{ble} And^r Oliver Esq^r & M^r William Phillips appeared &
 Severally Acknowledged the above Instrument to be his free
 Act & Deed

Before me T. Hubbard J^s P.

Copy Exam^d

THE OLD BOOK OF RECORDS.

With the closing of the foregoing instrument, the opening of which is missing along with the leaves that have been torn out of the book, the records referring to Tyng Township end somewhat abruptly. Such other actions as was taken by the grantees, when they found that their grant was slipping away from them, are to be found in the Massachusetts' court records, and in the following chapter such of these as can be obtained now will be given, as a closing act in an anxious and expensive undertaking.

The old book containing these records of the proprietors, and which was bought by Colonel Blanchard, the proprietors' clerk, according to the vote of the grantees, is a valuable historical document, as well as a curious relic and memento of the men of the pioneer times. It is a quarto volume, bound in hogskin, showing by its dilapidated appearance that it has had a varied experience. As it is now, it has 164 pages, marked in red ink, but at some period it contained possibly 200 pages, as at sections several leaves are gone. There are fragments of records of other grants, among these being those of Rindge, Jaffrey, Mason, Dublin, and Wilton, N. H., and there are lists of the grantees of several other grants in this state and Vermont. But the larger portion of the book as it stands now, is filled with the records of the Tyng's men, written out in a very legible hand, and in an ink which has stood the test of the years with satisfactory result.

Evidently the book for a long time was in the possession of private individuals, and looks as if it may have been at times the plaything of children. Finally, though it is not clearly shown now, it came into the possession of the town of Jaffrey, where it remained until Colonel George C. Gilmore of Manchester learned of its existence, and realizing its value as a part of the history of this city, he began negotiations for its removal to where it rightfully belongs. Naturally the officials of Jaffrey objected to losing the ancient heirloom; but finally it was voted almost unanimously at a town meeting held on March 10, 1896, to present the book to the city of Manchester. In return for the courteous act the latter printed the records relating to Jaffrey in a pamphlet of 14 pages for the town.

CHAPTER V.

ACTION TO RECOVER LOSS OF GRANT.

GRANTEES OF TYNG TOWNSHIP SEEK RELIEF.

At a meeting of the Prop^{rs} of Tyngs Town (so Called) by adjournment from y^e 6 Day of August 1750 To the 21 Day of January Following, held at y^e House of Co^l Jonas Clark in Chelmsford —

Voted to prefer a Petition to the Great & General Court of the Massachusetts For Some Consideration or Relief in the Present Difficulties which S^d prop^{rs} Labour under with Respect to S^d Town Ship in Such way and manner as S^d Court in their Great Wisdom Shall See meet

Also Voted that W^m Stickney be Desired to prefer The above mentioned petition as voted Above

Billerica April y^e 4: 1751.

A True Copy att^t

W^m Stickney Prop^{rs} Cler

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PETITION OF PROPRIETORS FOR EQUIVALENT GRANT, 1751.

Province of the MassaChusett^s Bay —

To the Hon^l Spencer Phips Esq^r Governour & Command^r in Chief in and over his Majestys Province of the Massachusetts Bay:

The Hon^l his Majestys Councill And House of Representatives in General Court Assembled at Boston y^e 8th Day of April 1751:

The Petition of Will^m Stickney Agent for and in Behalf of the Prop^{rs} of a Tract of Land the East Side the Merrimack River Known by the Name of Tyngs Town Granted by this Hon^l Court (now falling in the Province of New Hampshire) humbly Sheweth —

That you Pet^{rs} about the year 1726 made Application for a Town Ship of Some of the unappropriated Lands of the Province to Settle themselves and Famelys on to be Granted Them in Case their services & Sufferings Were thought Worthy in their Ardous undertaking in the year 1703 Pursuing the Indian enemy into their then own Country on Snow Shoes the First attemp of the Kind and attended with Success with Killing of Five Terryfieng & Preventing them of their Winter Inroads on us as they had used before as ~~3~~ S^d Petiⁿ & Revivell of it in the year 1734; will Appear upon which this Hon^l Court in the year 1735 Saw meet to Grant a tract of Land for a Town Ship the East side merrymack River Between & Adjoyning to Litchfield and Suncook or Lovewells Town in Consequence of that said Petiⁿ under Condition of Settlement Subjecting the Grantees to Give Bond of Twenty Pounds Each Forfeiture And to Return a Plan According to the Ten^r of S^d Grant all which was Complied with by y^e prop^{rs} in the year 1736 — & in order to pursue the Intention of the Grant they Divided the whole Township into Convenient lotts, Built a meeting house Cleared the Roads & there being Severale Large Streams Made Good Bridges at a Large Expence Through the Town a which was very Longe being but three miles wide and Great part of prop^{rs} Soon Entered in Order For Compliance with the Conditions of the Grant. But the Unhappy Controversy between this Province and the Province of New Hampshire being brought forward and a Court of Comissoners in the year 1738 Sitting in order to Conclude that Affaire Some Desisted they had their Determination, and that being Suspended for a further hearing before the King in Council Left y^e Petitioners in Great Difficulty many having bestowed Large Sums of money in Building & Improvements were encouraged to pursue their Labours & others entered in the hopes of the Line being Setled in their Favor Till upward of Two Thousand pounds was Sent in Public Charges of the Prop^{rs}, besides all the Charges of Settlement —

That in the year 1740 the line was Determined against them And Deamed to be in the Province of New Hampshire — Whereupon they with Severall other townes Petnd his Majesty to be Restore to the Massachusetts as they Expected at the time of their Grant, but with no Success.

That soon after the arrivall of Govern^r Wentworth and Hear-

ing the Defeat of our Petition the Towns of Londonderry and Chester obtained orders From y^e Gov^r of N. Hamp^r For Running out their Bounds according to their Charters which being Done it was found that the S^d Tyngs Town fell to a trifle into the S^d Towns, their meeting house Sawmill and the settlers being included in them, which Towns Immediately demanded the Possession and Entered Themselves. —

That your Petitioners thereupon Advised with many of the principal Gentlemen of this Government as well as the best Councell in the Law they Could Obtain and were Incouraged to Dispute their property in the Law which they have done in the most Effectual method they Could and have been Harrassed almost every Court from the year 1742 to this day and the said Towns of Londonderry and Chester has Recovered the Possession and Turned out Every who one has had a final Trial Excepting one who for Some Special Reasons Peculiar to that Case did Obtain The Remainder of the Settlers Seeing their Distressed Circumstances and no way for Relief have Either deserted their habitations or Compounded and purchased at an unreasonable and Severe Price, have Little for their own Labour. Excepting one who is yet in the Dispute, which Troubles in the Defence of their Rights has Cost them many thousands of pounds Exclusive of their Much greater Charges in Buildings and Improvements and now are Obligated to give over the Expectation of its Ever being any benefit to them

That the S^d Tract of Land the East Side of the River did not Contain the Complement of six miles Square by 1680 Acres which they Laid out (and was Approved by this Court) The west Side merrymack River about five miles Distance From Namaskeag falls and as that Did not fall in Neither of the Towns Granted by New Hampshire, they Hoped to Enjoy that but since about two years ago Some Gentlemen Claiming the Right to the Lands Granted by the Crown to Capt^t John Mason Have Granted a Township to a Number of People there, which includes the S^d 1680 Acres and they under S^d Mason's Right have Actnally Settled with a Number of Familys the Lands there Granted to your Petitioners so that on the whole wee have as wee apprehend Lost the Benefit of Our Own Estate as aforeS^d

Butt being Sensible of the Design of this Hon^l Court to Distinguish them (not as Subjects of the Proviuce but) for their

Special meritt and Desert for their Suffering and Service in their Defence to Grant that Land as a Reward, The Defeat therein Gives them Reason Humbly to Hope, that you will yet in this respect take notice of us —

Wherefore your Petitioners most humbly pray, that they may be favoured with your Attention to these their Uncommon Circumstances and that they may be Compassionately Helped Under their Extraordinary Loss and Disappointment and the Originall Design Obtained, by Granting them so much of the Unappropriated Lands of the Province in Some Convenient Place for the Settlement under Such Conditions as may be tho^t fit, As will be equall to their Necessary past Charges which They are Ready to Shew by their Accompts, and the first Design of a Township or otherwaies Relieve them in the premises as Shall in your Great Clemency and Wisdom be Thought Equiatable for them, and your humble pete^{rs} as in Duty bound Shall Ever pray —

W Stickney Agent for
Tyngs Town Prop^{rs}

In the House of Rep^{ves} April 17, 1751. Read and Ordered that this Petition be refer'd till the next May Session for Consideration

Sent up for Concurrence

T. Hubbard Spk

In Council April 17 1751 Read and Concurr'd

Sam^l Holbrook D^{ty} Sec

Consented to

Phips

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After a long and tedious fight in the courts the heirs of Captain William Tyng and their associates were given a grant in the province of Maine, in 1785, which became known and settled as Tyngstown, though there is little evidence to show that many of the disappointed legatees of the snow shoe expedition availed themselves of this opportunity. In 1803, upon its incorporation by the state, the name of this township was changed to Wilton, which it bears at the present time.

COLONEL JOSEPH BLANCHARD.

Foremost among the early settlers of the territory now comprised in the area of the city of Manchester, Col. Blanchard, not because he was one of the actual homemakers, but for the reason not he was one of the grantees and clerk and treasurer of the colony throughout its trying career, deserves a breif sketch at this time and place. This is more necessary on account of the confusion existing among some writers in regard to the positions of the members of his family. There were three Joseph Blanchards in succession, and three Proprietors' Clerks successively by the name of Blanchard, all of whom were men of consequence in their day.

The subject of this sketch was born in that part of Dunstable now included in Nashua, the old homestead being situated about three hundred rods this side of the state line, now Little's, on what was then known as "the great road to Tyngsborough." His grandfather was Deacon John Blanchard, one of the first settlers of the town, and founder of the church. His father, Captain Joseph Blanchard, who married Abiah, daughter of Joseph Hassell, senior, May 25, 1696, and died in 1727, was a prominent man in the affairs of the day. He was town clerk, selectman and proprietors' clerk for many years. He led the unsuccessful company of fifty men to look for the bodies of Lovewell's dead and succor the living, if any should be found, as soon as the news of that disastrous expedition reached home. He was at the head of a scouting party ranging the Merrimack valley all of the following summer. They found no trace of the enemy, and contented themselves with killing a bear and a moose in this vicinity.

Joseph Blanchard, Jr, the fourth of nine children, was born February 11, 1704, and though but twenty-three at his father's death succeeded him as proprietors' clerk, holding that office, except for a short period, till his own decease, April 7, 1758. He became a proficient surveyor when little more than a boy

and was almost constantly engaged in that capacity as long as he lived. New settlements were constantly springing into existence and it became necessary to make surveys and get more reliable information than existed at that time in every direction. There were no accurate maps, and in connection with Rev. Mr. Langdon of Portsmouth, he undertook to prepare a map of the state, doing nearly all of the surveying and collecting of necessary facts. With the scanty means of communication and the scattered settlements then existing, to say nothing of the danger from wild beasts and the more dreaded Indians, this was a herculean task. But he had succeeded so nearly at the time of his death that the map was completed in 1761. The map was considered of great value, and Hon. Charles Townsend, his Majesty's Secretary of War, to whom it was inscribed, procured the honorary degree of Doctor of Divinity from the University of Glasgow for Mr. Langdon, a distinction which would have fallen on Col. Blanchard had he been living.

Upon the settlement of the line of division between the provinces of Massachusetts and New Hampshire in 1741, he was appointed Conncillor of State by mandamus from the Crown. This responsible office, next to that of governor, he held for a number of years. In 1749, he succeeded Chief Justice Jaffrey as a Judge of the Superior Court, holding this position until his death.

Upon the renewal of the French and Indian war in 1755 he was placed in command of a regiment of 500 men raised in New Hampshire to join in an expedition against Crown Point. Robert Rogers was captain and John Stark was lieutenant of a company going from this section and which became famous as the Rangers of the Merrimack. The regiment was at Fort Edward during the summer and returned home in the autumn.

Col. Blanchard married Rebecca Hubbard of Dunstable, by whom he had twelve children, among which was one Joseph and another Jonathan, who with the advantage of a collegiate education became a general in the War of Independence, besides holding many offices of prominence and trust. Though but twenty at the time of his father's death he was chosen as

proprietors' clerk and surveyor. He died July 16, 1788, aged fifty years.

Col. Blanchard was surveyor of the Tyng Township grant and its clerk and treasurer. He was buried in the old South Burying Ground of Nashua near Little's Station, his tombstone bearing the following inscription :

" Here lyes ye Body of the Hon. Joseph Blanchard Esq., who departed this life April 7th, 1758, aged 55 years."

Near by is the grave of his son, General Jonathan Blanchard, who died July 16, 1788, in his 51st year. The Blanchard was a gifted, enterprising and honorable family.

CAPTAIN WILLIAM TYNG.

The Tyng family was an old, honorably one in the early history of the Merrimack valley. The ancestor of the family, the Hon Edward Tyng, was born in Dunstable, England, in 1600. He married Mary ——— before emigrating to this country, and settled in Boston as a tea merchant in 1639. He became prominent both in business and political circles, being elected Representative to the General Assembly in 1661-2; Assistant (Secretary), 1668 to 1681, and Colonel of Suffolk regiment. He moved to the vicinity of Wicasuck Falls, just below the village, in what is now known as Tyngsboro in 1679. The new township was named Dunstable in compliment to his wife's suggestion of the name of her native town.

Edward and Mary Tyng had six children, the oldest of whom was Jonathan, born in Boston, December 15, 1642. He married Sarah, daughter of Hezekiah Usher. He became one of the original proprietors of Dunstable, and the earliest permanent settler, remaining there alone with his family during Philip's war when other persons deserted the settlement for fear of the Indians. He was guardian over the Wamesit Indians in 1676; in 1687 he was one of Edmund Andros'

Council; in 1692 he was Representative to the General Assembly; and during Queen Anne's war, giving the renewed hostilities of 1702-3 he was Colonel of the upper Middlesex regiment, and entrusted with all its garrisons within its bounds.

His first wife dying in 1714, he married Judith Fox of Woburn, who lived to be 99 years of age.

Jonathan and Sarah (Usher) Tyng had six or more children. John the oldest of these was born about 1670; he graduated from Harvard College in 1690; he was killed by the Indians in August, 1710. William, the second child, was born April 22, 1679, being the first child born in Dunstable on record, though it is possible there had been previous births, as there had been inhabitants for several years previous. It was this William Tyng who was the leading spirit of the famous "snowshoe expedition" in the winter of 1703-4, and for whom Tyng Township was named. Some of the older writers ascribed the leadership to his brother John, and the assault upon him between Concord and Groton which cost him his life was said to have been given in retaliation on the part of the Indians for the victims slain of their number in that expedition. This has been disproved by later writers. William Tyng and Joseph Blanchard, Sen., were selectmen of Dunstable at the time of the march into the wilderness. Renewed hostilities on the part of the Indians had immediately followed the declaration of war between France and Great Britain in 1703 which was generally the case in New England. In the month of August a series of attacks were made covering all the frontier settlements. Over 200 men, women, and children were killed or carried as captives to Canada. The pioneers were terrorized and the General Assembly of Massachusetts to encourage the colonists to act in retaliation offered a bounty for Indian scalps. Dunstable was one of the first towns to act in this emergency, and William Tyng was chosen as the most suitable man to lead the hazardous expedition. That it was done with skill, prudence and success has been shown. But Captain Tyng did not live to share in the reward of the grant honored by his name.

